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姫川ハエル
[ひめかわはる]

「ハエルが勝手に裸踊りをしつこれたわよ」

ユリシア・
フアランドール

「ハエルとおフロに」

「そんなの嘘です、デタラメです!!」

千鳥ヶ淵愛音
[ちどりがふちあいね]

入ったって

「ユリシア、誤解だって」

飛弾傷無
[ひだ-きずな]

「どうして事が起る..」

ハート・ハイブリッド
接続改装 ON!!

姫川の尻尾を思いっきり、引き抜くほどに、引っ張り上げた。
凄まじい快感が、姫川の体を駆け抜けた。

「尻尾

引っ張っちゃだめえええええ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

「姫川、逃げる!!」

「あの魔導兵器だけは、私が!!」

「あなたの体の中から、コアを取り出すわ」

三つ首竜
[トライヘッド]

アルディア
魔導装甲ゼエルを
操る謎の美女



任務開始まで
お預けよ♡

Mission Start!!



No.1 KIZUNA HIDA

飛弾傷無 [ひだ・きずな]

特殊能力・接続改装で女の子をパワーアップさせる力を持つ。



No.2 AINE CHIDORIGAFUCHI

千鳥ヶ淵愛音 [ちどりがふち・あいね]

近接戦闘が得意な魔導装甲ゼロスの使い手。
昔の記憶を失っている。



No.3 YURISHIA FARANDOLE

ユリシア・ファランドール

魔導装甲クロスを操る世界的なエース。
遠距離からの攻撃が得意。



No.4 HAYURU HIMEKAWA

姫川ハユル [ひめかわ・はゆる]

ハレンチなことが苦手な女の子。
中近両方の攻撃が可能な魔導装甲ネロスを操る。



No.5 REIRI HIDA

飛弾伶俐 [ひだ・れいり]

厳しくも優しいアタラクシアの総司令官。



No.6 SYLVIA SILKCUT

シルヴィア・シルクカット

アタラクシア中等部に通う女の子。
傷無を隊長と呼んで慕っている。



Prologue

{Special Attack Unit, respond.}

A voice mixed with grating noise could be heard.

“This is Special Attack Unit, imperial headquarters, please.”

{Report your current position.}

Below my eyes a lake surrounded by mountains was visible.

“Currently I am at Shizuoka, in the middle of passing through Hakone. The estimated time until my arrival in Nagoya is——”

{The Nagoya operation is suspended. Return to Tokyo.}

I doubted my ears.

“What is the meaning of this? Right now magic weapons are advancing from the Entrance of Kumano right!? I have to head there quickly!”

{Nagoya is abandoned.}

“Wha.....-?”

Abandoned he said..... what did that mean?

{Rather than that, this is a new order. Make sure Tokyo float takes off.}

“Eh!?”

Inside my heart was growing cold.

Tokyo float that was floating in Tokyo Bay. For that to take off meant——

To throw away Japan, was what it said.

Cold sweats soaked the whole body.

The ears were buzzing.

{An Entrance is also materializing in Tokyo, magic weapons are also approaching this location. Take position as guard until the citizens gathering in Tokyo Bay boarded the Tokyo float.}

“Tha, that’s! Nagoya will..... what will happen to the other cities! Even though they are waiting for me to go to their aid! Are you telling me to watch a great number of people die!?”

{Then, you are going to watch the people here die?}

“.....Kuh!”

{This is an order. Quickly return.}

“.....Roger.”

I turned around for 180°. At that time, screams that I shouldn’t be hearing felt like they reached my ears.

With painful reluctance, I headed to Tokyo.

I had to pretend not seeing the flames and smokes raising everywhere.

It felt as if my own body was roasted.

Tears came out from my own powerlessness.

But, I couldn’t show this kind of face to other people.

I am the protector of Japan. There was no way I could show a weak face to the people.

Wiping the tears, I landed on the pier of Tokyo Bay.

“This is.....”

Tokyo Bay, from the pier until its surrounding area became a black mountain of people crowded. Was there several thousand, several tens of thousands, or even more than that number gathering here?

Certainly, accommodating all these people would take quite a bit of time.

“Oi! What’s that!?”

“That’s the Special Attack Unit! Help is coming!”

The people discovered my figure, they pointed and raised their voices.

Everyone had faces that were filled with hope and expectation. Those faces raised voices of joy and relief.

That’s right.

I had to protect these people. There was no time to cry or anything.

When I landed on the pier, the people came surging forward, so I spoke to control the crowd.

“Everyone, please calm down! From now on, I will protect everyone. Please calm down by any means, follow the instructions and evacuate!”

My words was transmitted like spreading ripples from mouth to mouth of the people. At the same time, relieved expressions were also spreading. I confirmed that situation and walked around among the people.

Old and young, male and female, their ages and attires were also various. Rather than being together with their family, there were a lot of people that made a group with others who seemed to be their colleagues in school or in

the workplace. There was also a girl in the same age as me among them. A boy was standing beside her, holding her hand firmly.

Surely they were lovers.

My chest felt constricted tightly. I pretended not to see and passed beside them.

“My?”

There was a mother leading her child. Her child was a girl around the age of a kindergartener, she was hugging a small plushy bear with a face that seemed ready to cry.

“What’s wrong? Do you feel scared?”

The mother made an obliged smile and lowered her head. The face of the girl was still looking sad while looking up at me.

“Hicc..... uh huh. O, onee-chan? You are not scared?”

“Yes, I’m not scared at all.”

The girl blinked her eyes in surprise.

“Because, all those bad guys, this onee-chan will beat them all!”

Smiling cheerfully, I patted the head of the girl.

Thereupon, the cheeks of the girl relaxed, and soon her face turned into a happy smile.

“Really? Really, onee-chan will save us? Me too, mama too?”

“Yes, really.”

The girl went ‘uwaa’ with an opened mouth, her eyes were sparkling brightly.

“Oii-! What’s that!?”

A scared voice could be heard from the other side of the human wall.

A wave of agitation was attacking the crowd.

“Please calm down! Is something wrong?”

I ran to the direction of the voice. There, everyone were pointing at a single spot.

——That’s?

From the shadow of the town buildings, an enormous ball of light showed its figure.

Perhaps it had the diameter of ten meters. The surface was red, it was like gas whirling in a circle, for some reason it even looked similar like Jupiter changing color into red.

“Everyone, calm down! Lower your body close to the ground, people that can hide move to the nearby building for cove——”

Tremendous shockwave pierced my body.

——Eh?

Before I realized, the sky and earth were completely reversed.

Flame and explosion burst out on the surroundings, obstructing the field of vision.

——Wha,

What, was happening?

My body floated in the air, and then crashed on the ground.

“Ku..... h”

My whole body hurt.

I was blown away?

I crawled on all fours and somehow tried to stand up.

A dripping sound, her blood was dripping to the ground.

Was I cut somewhere?

However, I cannot complain about such things right now.

“E..... every..... one”

I lifted my face, and lost for words.

The figures of people standing in orderly line, waiting for their turn were nowhere to be seen.

Even though just now they were staring at me, with those eyes overflowing with that much expectation.

“What in the world..... happened”

When I hit my own leg, I stood up.

Rubble was everywhere she could see.

Hell fire that burned everything to nothing.

Black smoke and tornado that the flame produced.

Suddenly, I felt a soft sensation below my feet.

I moved aside, my feet trembling.

It was a bear plushy, half burned and melted.

At that time, the land shook, a growling voice reverberated.

Enormous metals were grating each other, a voice that was like creaking.

The owner of the voice, slowly displayed its appearance from the other side of the smoke and flame.

It had three necks, flexibly squirming in the air.

Coldly shining eyes, with drool of lava dripping down from the reddish shining mouth.

——A three headed dragon.

Even though I wanted to scream, the voice didn't come out.

Terror, and rage, and sorrow, impatience, shock, everything were mixing with each other,

Impulse that was hard to describe rushed about inside my body,

It was desperately searching for an outlet.

Like this I would break.

I would crack.

I would crumble.

If I don't create an outlet.

With all my body strength, I opened my mouth.

[illegible]

As if to vomit out everything, a scream gushed out.

Chapter 1 – Disorder of Public Moral, is the Disorder of the Heart

Part 1

Hida Kizuna exited to the corridor with effort to not raise a loud sound.

It was late at night.

The hand of the clock had already passed through twelve.

However, Kizuna was walking exultantly with towel on shoulder towards the elevator hall wearing his sandal. His clothing was also still his casual clothes of T-shirt and short pants.

He was waiting until the time reached this point.

His heart danced.

A smile was naturally formed on Kizuna's lips.

Finally, the day where he could enter the large baths had come!

This place was the student dormitory of Ataraxia. It was named as a dormitory, but the interior that kept getting mistaken with a high class hotel, like the corridor that Kizuna was currently walking, the carpet with luxurious fur and elegant wallpaper, calming indirect lighting, the pictures and decorative plants, all of those were of a quality that was not like a student dormitory at all.

Although, all of those were because this floor was of exclusive use for the Amaterasu team.

The one fighting the AU's magic weapons wearing the Heart Hybrid Gear, was the Amaterasu. For them who were shouldering such dangerous role, they were receiving a suitable treatment for that.

The other floors were not as extravagant as this floor, there was not even a private bathroom inside the rooms of the underclassmen.

That was why, there was a large bathroom installed in this dormitory.

On the contrary, there was an excellent bathroom inside Kizuna's room, so he had no chance to enter the large bathroom.

Even before that, this place was a female dormitory.

Naturally, the large bathroom was for females' exclusive use.

For the male student Kizuna to enter this female dormitory was also a strange story, but it was related with Kizuna's special mission that was [Heart Hybrid].

Heart Hybrid was an act that recovered the energy called Hybrid Count by a male and a female possessing Heart Hybrid Gear, joining their hearts and bodies into one and shared their affection and pleasure.

Saying it bluntly, by doing erotic things that made each others' feelings get excited, the energy would be recovered, that was what it meant.

Due to that kind of reason, Kizuna was encouraged to have illicit sexual relationship. Then, so that a mistaken occurrence could occur more easily, Kizuna was entered to live in the female dormitory with the arrangement of the school side.

‘——They are insane.’

It was none other than Kizuna himself who thought that.

Whether the school side gave him authorization or not, there was no way he could enter the women's bath.

But, today was special.

After all, the hot water of the bath today was from a hot spring.

They discovered a hot spring at the bottom of the sea, then the guys from the technology department pulled up the hot water and supplied it to the large bath of the dormitory.

However, that was limited to today.

From the beginning he was thinking of wanting to enter the dormitory's spacious bath, now that there was this chance, he would absolutely enter, that was his thinking.

"Then, it's fine for you to enter this evening. The cleaning after midnight will be postponed. Use it to your heart's content until morning."

Kizuna's big sister, Hida Reiri spoke like that to Kizuna.

With a single order of the commander of Ataraxia, tonight the bath was reserved for Kizuna.

And then currently, he was heading to the large bathroom in this midnight where there was no presence of people.

Perhaps it would be fine for him to not go through all this trouble entering the female dormitory's bath by going to the male dormitory. However, he felt a danger to his life of trying to do that.

There were a lot of boys that envied Kizuna's blessed(?) mission. The bunches who had their envious feeling sublimated to become resentment

and hatred were not few in number. To intrude into the headquarters of such boys stark naked was a suicidal act.

Descending to the underground by elevator, he finally stood in front of the large bathroom.

Before the large sliding door, a sign that was written with large [♂] character was hung down. (TN: That character means hot water, read as 'yu')

Slipping through the sign, he opened the door noisily, the lighting was shining in glitters. The electricity was left on, but the place was deserted with no presence of humans that could be sensed. Only the sound of flowing hot water was audible, there was not even the sound of someone entering the bath.

After Kizuna closed the door, he took off his sandals and went up to the dressing room. He went through the lining up lockers on the left and right, then he suddenly looked to the side.

A white and large ass, was shaking like jelly.

Time stopped.

——Eh?

——Why?

It was the back figure of a beautiful girl.

With only a bath towel covering the breasts, a completely defenseless back figure was exposed.

Under the wet long black hair, was a constricted waist. From there the hips was greatly jutting out, continuing toward the slender and well-

proportioned legs. The voluminous ass was drawing a circular curve at the base of the thighs.

‘——This is bad.’

This was obviously an accident, but he had the feeling it was going to become a serious affair if he was noticed. He should get out right now.

Kizuna backed off carefully so that no sound would come out.

If he was seen by people in this kind of timing, a stigma of pervert would undoubtedly get forced on him. Especially in the worst case that even Himekawa also discovered this——

Just a little bit more, when it was just a little bit more, that girl was turning around.

‘——Wha-!?’

It was exactly that Himekawa Hayuru who was staring at Kizuna.

Kizuna froze.

Himekawa too, she didn’t move as if being petrified.

On her skin that was colored faintly by pink color, the drops of hot water were shining.



The drops on her bosom were sliding down on her smooth skin, then it was absorbed into the valley of her breasts.

Her wet long black hair was clinging to her cheek and shoulders, it looked really sexy on her.

Even while his eyes were stolen by Himekawa's figure that was just rising from the bath, his head was desperately thinking about the situation.

‘——Why is Himekawa here?’

‘——This is strange isn't it? Isn't this place reserved for me?’

‘——The person I don't want to get caught by the most, is right here!’

.....His thinking didn't result in anything.

Himekawa's face was flushing before his eyes.

And then, her body was beginning to tremble little by little.

“Yo, you see here, Hime——”

“KYAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAA-!!”

A scream like a torn silk reverberated inside the dormitory.

“Wha-? Wh, wha, what's with this!? Thi, this, molester! Pervert! Just what in the world are you thinking-!!”

Kizuna's head was also completely panicked.

“Tha, that's, that's my line here-! Just why is Himekawa in this kind of place!?”

Steam was rising from Himekawa's body that was warmed by the hot spring water. Right now such thing looked like nothing but an aura of rage.

Her eyes opened widely all of a sudden.

“This place is..... the women’s bath so obviously I’m here!!”

‘——What she said, is the most correct.’

“No-! That’s correct but! I know but!”

Himekawa’s eyes were burning in rage.

“As I thought, so you are coming to peep aren’t you? This is a contemptible shameless act.”

“Wa, wait! Calm down, I oppose violence!”

“Neros!!”

Himekawa’s body was wrapped in red light. That was the radiance that the Core installed inside Himekawa’s body emitted. The red light particles were gathering on the body surface and changing into physical material. The process was completely like magic.

After the radiance was completely converted into physical material, the light settled down. In exchange, the created armor was equipped on Himekawa’s body.

The luster that looked wet was pretty on the red colored armor. Its slender form was delicate, but it also possessed tenacity, giving off the impression like a sharp katana.

That was Himekawa Hayuru’s Heart Hybrid Gear, [Neros].

It had a main weapon of a single blade hung down on her hips, the [Sword(Vibrant Sharp Katana)]. Its silhouette was like a Japanese katana, but it had mechanical detail that was similar to the Heart Hybrid Gear. It severed not by physical touch, but by moving the particles that were

generated by part of the blade at high speed, the touched thing was severed, such mechanism was how the sword worked. Its sharpness was terrific, making it possible for it to bisect a magic weapon that was far larger than the Sword with one slash.

And then one more weapon that the gear possessed, were the four long swords floating in reserve behind Himekawa.

Neros' sure kill weapon, the [Blades].

The swords obeyed Himekawa's will and soared freely without restriction in the air. It boasted peerless combat strength in middle range battle, large numbers of magic weapons had been slaughtered by those blades.

Such terrifying weapon was now directed at Kizuna.

"Ca, calm down! You shouldn't put on your gear at all ri-.....eh?"

"It's useless for you to beg for your life this late. This kind of filthy act, is unforgivable!"

Kizuna thought.

Originally, an exclusive pilot suit was worn in case of equipping Heart Hybrid Gear, because the specially made suit heightened the affinity of the body with the Heart Hybrid Gear.

However, the pilot suit was thin, it made one who saw it completely understand the body line and curve. He had even thought once that wasn't it the same with not wearing anything at all.

"However, I was mistaken....."

A pilot suit was valid.

"Ha? What are you saying?"

“What happened!? Hayuru!”

The door was opened with a loud sound.

“A, Aine!?”

The one who entered the dressing room was a girl with silver hair and red eyes. It was Chidorigafuchi Aine, the one with the Heart Hybrid Gear [Zeros] residing inside that body.

“Everything is exactly just like you see!”

Himekawa vented a yell of rage, but Aine tilted her head.

“Even if you told me that it’s exactly as it looks like.....”

Aine knitted her eyebrows and glared at Kizuna.

“.....What in the world is this situation, I wonder if I can receive an explanation?”

“Eeerrr, that.....”

Losing her temper from that kind of exchange, Himekawa yelled.

“That perverted man was sneaking into the women’s bath that I was in! Molester, pervert!”

Aine further knitted her eyebrows and tilted her head.

“If I have to say which is which, Hayuru’s side is the one that look perverted though.”

“Haa-!? Just what in the world are you sayin——”

There Himekawa dropped her gaze and confirmed her own appearance.

The bath towel that should hide her appearance was torn to pieces, dropping below her feet.

Her breath stopped from the great shock.

That time when the gear was equipped——?

As if saying that it was unbelievable, she looked at the large mirror on the wall.

There, a girl with Heart Hybrid Gear put on her totally naked upper body was standing there.

That appearance, was truly perverted.

“A female pervert.”

Aine declared coldly.

In the first place, the area that the armor of Heart Hybrid Gear covered was little. However Neros was a model that covered a comparatively wide area with its armor. With the shoulder pads and the parts that protected the front part of the body, and the shield spreading in skirt shape on the waist and so on, Neros' defensive power was far higher compared to the likes of Zeros.

However, with how solid its guard was, unexpectedly its chest and crotch part, and also its ass part, the essential areas had no armor for some reason, those places only depended on the pilot suit.

Therefore, there was nothing protecting those parts right now.

Kizuna had his eyes stolen by that unrealistic sight.

The wet skin reflected the light of the ceiling, creating a bewitching luster at her skin.

The pink topping placed smally on the wet breasts stole his eyes whether he wanted it or not with its fresh color and lustrous appearance.

If one was a man, then he surely would want to touch and enjoy its sensation, put it inside his mouth and enjoy the taste. There was no way he didn't think of that from looking at such a luscious sight.

And then, when he dropped his gaze from her breast, his eyes would catch the amorous ribs. From her largely indented solar plexus connected toward her waist that looked so thin that it looked unreliable.

That delicate and supple curve was really suggestive, it unconditionally stimulated his instincts.

Furthermore, below the navel the place that was gently swelling, even further below that was——

“KYAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

Himekawa's scream reverberated inside the dormitory once more.

She hid her breast with both her arms and turned her back to him to protect herself.

“Do-, don't look! Please don't lookkkk-!”

Kizuna turned behind in panic.

“Ye, yeah-! I'm turning back so, it's..... buh-!?”

However, behind him was also a mirror.

The white glossy ass entered his eyes. It was as though Neros' red armor was hollowed only in that place, making the white ass poke out. It was as if Neros was framing the ass to make it stand out. Each time Himekawa twisted her body, that ass danced to the left and right. That ass was a little

big for the slender Himekawa, a type that could give easy delivery for baby. The tight and smooth surface looked like it would feel really pleasant to touch.

“Hii-!?”

Noticing that, Himekawa panickedly hid her ass with both her hands. This time her breasts became exposed bare once more. Matching her backward movement, her breasts shook up and down like jelly.

There was no way for her to hide at all.

“Hey, Kizuna. Is this what is called naked dancing?”

“Do-! Don’t know! I’m not seeing anything!”

“No more,

NOOO-!”

From the back of Himekawa that completely snapped, Himekawa’s sure kill weapon, the Blades, were launched.

Part 2

Reiri who was unusually located in the principal’s office asked with an amazed voice.

“You guys, just how many times do you need to destroy the dormitory until you are satisfied?”

The next day, Kizuna and Himekawa were summoned to the principal’s office and received a lecture about the situation.

“I am reflecting about how the bathing facility is completely destroyed. But! That was a force majeure. I cannot ever imagine that a boy will enter into the public bath!”

“However, Kizuna had settled in the girl dormitory. Naturally, he has the right to use the public bath. How can you not assume that?”

“Tha, that’s preposterous! Is Kizuna-kun intending to enter the public bath from now on too!?”

Himekawa’s questioning gaze was reproaching Kizuna.

“No, no, no way. It’s just, yesterday I had made the reservation for the bath at night.”

“.....Reservation?”

Himekawa made a dubious face.

“Eh? You didn’t know?”

Kizuna also made a wondering face.

Even though all the students in the dormitory were supposed to be notified already.

“Aah, I didn’t tell that to Himekawa. I told her to do some pointless errand and guided her so that she entered at that time.”

“Wait, so this was your doing Nee-channnnn-!!”

“Just why in the world, what purpose is there for that! Commander!”

With a dangerously threatening look, Himekawa hit the desk of the principal’s office.

“No, that’s because the relation between Kizuna and Himekawa hasn’t progressed at all. And so I thought, maybe it would be better if I prepared an event. Though sadly it completely ended in an unfortunate result.”

“What’s unfortunate is you commander! For you to behave like this, I completely misjudged you!”

However Reiri talked back with a cool face.

“I’m the one who should ask what is your intention. I should have ordered you to do Heart Hybrid with Kizuna. Just when are you planning to actually carry it out?”

“Tha…… that’s! Tha, that kind of order, is invalid-. I cannot accept it!”

“Don’t say something selfish.”

“Sel……-!?”

Himekawa tightened her fist, her shoulders were shaking.

“Kizuna, how many percent is Himekawa’s Hybrid Count right now?”

Kizuna took out his student identification that also doubled as a portable information terminal from his inside pocket. Its external shape was like a smartphone, but various functions were installed in it.

When he tapped the Amaterasu icon, the vital signs of the members were displayed.

“Himekawa’s Hybrid Count is 28%. Certainly…… it’s going to be dangerous soon I think.”

Hybrid Count was the unit of the energy that operated Heart Hybrid Gear. The yellow zone was when it passed below 25%, red zone was when it

became below 10%. When it became below 5%, it would become hard even for maintaining the Heart Hybrid Gear's materialization.

If the Heart Hybrid Gear was called off in the middle of battle, it wasn't hard to imagine that the situation would become extremely dangerous. Even if she were saved, to be unable to equip the Heart Hybrid Gear meant that she didn't have any method to battle magic weapons. In other word, the Megafloat Japan would turn powerless against the enemy.

"Listen well, Himekawa. This is something that is affecting your life. By no means I'm ordering this on a whim or for a laugh. You too Kizuna. Take your mission more seriously."

"Even without something like Heart Hybrid, doing shameless things like that, our Hybrid Count will naturally recover by itself! Why, is waiting for that no good!?"

"Natural recovery..... you asked?"

Reiri smiled and reclined on her chair, she entrusted her body on the back of the chair.

"Then I'll ask, two weeks have passed since the last battle hasn't it? Then, your Hybrid Count, how much has it recovered?"

"Tha..... that's....."

Himekawa faltered.

It was only natural.

Kizuna whispered inside his heart.

——3%.

Correct. Just a mere 3%.

Kizuna too thought that perhaps the sensor was broken, to the degree that he brought it to the lab once to be inspected. However, the number was correct.

“What are you going to do if the enemy appears right now? To take care of your condition is also the requisite of battle. Be diligent.”

“.....Kuh”

Himekawa bit her lips and turned around.

Following after her, Kizuna was also going to exit the room.

‘Ah, that’s right.’

Kizuna recalled the question that he had felt since before. He stopped in place and turned back to Reiri.

“.....By the way, I want to ask one thing.”

“What?”

“If the Hybrid Count is used up, what is going to happen to us?”

Reiri’s lips were forming a tight line.

“I can imagine that the Heart Hybrid Gear will stop operating but..... how would it happen more specifically? For example, are we going to become unable to use the gear for a second time? Or the Core is going to separate itself from us..... I wonder, will something happen?”

Reiri rotated her chair and turned her back to Kizuna.

“I cannot say anything yet. The research is still in progress by Kei in the lab.”

Reiri was staring at the scenery outside. Kizuna was unable to take a peek at her expression.

“Is that so? Got it.”

Kizuna left behind the principal’s room.

Hearing the footsteps turning distant, Reiri heaved a deep sigh.

From the window, the construction site of Ataraxia’s restoration was visible.

The Strategic Defense Academy Ataraxia was independent from Megafloat Japan, it was a megafloat with a diameter around three kilometers, the foremost line in anti-AU technology. With research institutions of various sorts as the core, educational institutions from university until middle school were established that trained excellent researchers and military personnel.

This Ataraxia was shouldering the defense of Megafloat Japan, Ataraxia itself had unmanned city defense facilities installed in great numbers in it, like particle cannons disguised as buildings, or missile launching pads disguised as a plaza.

However, in the previous battle all of those were completely destroyed.

Right now the repair work was advanced at a quick pace. In addition, the destroyed commercial establishments, the collapsing streets, and the essential utilities. The construction work for rebuilding and restoring all of those was carried out everywhere.

It was a heartbreaking scar of battle, but to end up only with this much after receiving the bombardment of that large battleship, it could be said that it was a good result.

And then there was a method to easily restore the damage, it was a salvation.

Reiri thought so.

What was waiting for Kizuna and Himekawa who returned to the classroom, were the inquisitive gazes of all their classmates.

“Hey— Himekawa-san, is it true that you two entered the bath together at midnight!?”

“Eeh—!? Even though she is a public moral committee member? Amazingggg!?”

“Isn’t it erotic washing each other at the bathroom? He, hey, a boy’s that.....”

“What are you doing inside Hida-kun’s room until morning-?”

“It’s in Himekawa-san’s room I think? In the morning the two took a shower before going to school.”

Furthermore, various embellishments were added to it.

The students who were full of interest were not only from Kizuna’s second year first group. At the window that faced the corridor, students from other class were clustering. From there, gazes filled with resentment and killing intent were piercing Kizuna’s body. Mainly from the boys.

“E, everyone. Please stop being irresponsible. All of those are lies, utter nonsense!”

Himekawa denied all those rumors thoroughly. However, she was greatly embarrassed from the reactions of the crowding classmates.

‘.....I too have to cooperate to prove my innocence.’

Kizuna stood up from his chair and went towards the crowd that was surrounding Himekawa.

“Hey, everyone. It’s exactly as Himekawa said. All of those are just baseless rumors. There is no way at all that we were doing anything like that.”

However, the doubting gazes of the class’ girls were gathering on Kizuna all at once.

“No, but..... you are Eros.”

“Yeah, he might really do it..... he is Eros after all.”

“Rather, it’s stranger if he didn’t actually do it..... it’s Eros after all.”

Just waitttttt!

“N, no, everyone, wai.....”

Himekawa glared at him with terrifying eyes.

“Hida-kun, please go to the other side. If you interfere, even something true will not be believed.”

Wasn’t that too heartless?

However, the reality had resulted like that, so he couldn’t say anything back.

“Hey, Kizuna. I wonder if you have a little time?”

A blonde haired, blue eyes, beautiful girl was calling to him. Her dynamite body was as though it had come out right from international gravure. Just by walking normally, the breasts wrapped inside the uniform shook bouncingly, a preposterous bust size.

One of the Amaterasu, the pilot of the Heart Hybrid Gear [Cross], Yurishia Farandole.

“Yurishia, is something wro..... guhah..... ka!!”

His collar was grasped and he was dragged until his seat.

“Wai..... Yu, Yurishia..... pa, painful.....!”

He was made to sit on his own chair as if being thrown onto it.

“Wha, what are you do——ing.....”

Yurishia who was standing imposingly in front of him was smiling..... but, her eyes were not smiling at all.

From her whole body, aura was rising up slowly..... was how it looked like.

“I heard that you entered the bath together with Hayuru, what is that about I wonder? Tell me the details?”

Sca, scaryyy!

Yurishia’s smile was scary!

“Ca, calm down Yurishia. That’s a misunderstanding. That’s not a fact.”

“Then, you two didn’t enter the bath together?”

After making a relieved face, Yurishia took her seat that was behind Kizuna.

While smiling cheerfully, she took out a pen for touch panel use from her pen case.

“Uu..... in, in other words, we didn’t enter the bath..... it was just by chance that we met in the dressing room.”

Together with *baki-* such sound of destruction, the pen in Yurishia's hand was broken.

"Hmmm—, is that soo♪"

What grip strength!

This was really bad, he was strangely sweating.

"Then, how could it be, that you by chance met each other in the dressing room of the public bath, I wonder if you can teach mee-"

While taking out the replacement pen from the pen case, Yurishia showed an elegant smile.

"No, that's..... that....."

By any chance, if he made a miss in his answer here, would he get killed in this place?

Such feeling of terror crept up Kizuna's back.

"The commander didn't tell Hayuru of the time when Kizuna was going to use the public bath. And then, Hayuru who came home late bumped into Kizuna there."

Without even looking at Yurishia, Aine calmly slipped in some words about the circumstance.

".....What's with that, aren't you extremely well informed?"

"Well, I also happened to be present at the actual scene."

"Hee..... then, Aine, you are not bothered? That was a naked appeal you know? You are not thinking that Kizuna might be tempted?"

Aine sent Kizuna a glance.

“Not particularly. That thing yesterday was simply an accident. It was just Hayuru dancing naked on her own accord.”

Yurishia glared at Aine with doubtful eyes.

“You are awfully composed aren’t you, Aine.

“Because..... Kizuna, he said to me..... that he will take responsibility.”

beki- together with that sound of destruction, Yurishia’s second pen was broken.

“Kizuna..... the meaning of what she said just now, can you give me an explanation I can comprehend?”

The raised eyebrows and cold eye glint that were in inverse proportion with the smile on the lips were capturing Kizuna.

‘Uooo, a beautiful woman’s angry face is unbelievably scaryyyy!’

Yurishia was the former ace of [Masters].

Masters was like the Amaterasu of Japan, the Heart Hybrid Gear team of America. Before the 2nd Another Universe Conflict occurred, she arrived at Ataraxia due to America’s joint strategy with Japan. And then, since then she was fighting until now as a member of Amaterasu.

She had shot down more than three hundred magic weapons, even now she was the world’s super ace with record that was still updating.

If he was glared by such person, it was not an exaggeration to even say that it was the end of his life.

But, just why was he being condemned by Yurishia this much?

“N, no! Even if I said responsibility, it was a talk about life counseling! This was Aine’s usual nonsense! Isn’t that right, Aine…… e?”

Aine drifted off muddy black miasma around her, she also glared at him with piercing eyes.

This girl……-, what, what was with this cursing gaze!?

Forced to a three-way deadlock with Kizuna in a situation that left him cringing with fear, a salvation barely reached him.

“Yoo—. You guys, get to your seat—”

Sakisaka-sensei entered the class room as usual with her red jersey.

“Then we are starting class——…… wait, what’s the subject again?”



Sakisaka-sensei was operating like usual.

Anyways, he was saved.

Pretending to not notice the dark aura of the two girls, he loaded the class data.

Thereupon, the content of the geography class was displayed on the monitor. This was the present time geography, namely Megafloat Japan's geography and structure etc., this class was teaching the fundamental knowledge. Regarding the world's state of affairs and the other countries' megafloats too, if they obtained new information, that information would be reflected on the teaching material immediately.

"Aah—, yeah yeah, geography isn't it? Though I say, even the world map is lacking in usefulness right now though—"

The wall in front of the classroom became a screen using its whole surface. There, the megafloats of each world country were projected.

"The current shape of countries right now is this. Frankly, we completely don't know which country is in which sea right now. Well, we could unexpectedly meet them by chance though—"

Each country had various shape and size.

Japan's Megafloat had a long and slender shape, it was vaguely imaged like Japan's archipelago. In reality, each region's float was linked in a row that was the same like their position in old Japan.

And then, even among the lined up each country's float, the ones with conspicuous size were Russia, and then America. If it was just size then Russia won, but what was amazing from America was that America's east coast and west coast had one Megafloat each.

The Megafloat looked like it might be even twice the size of Japan's, furthermore there were two of those.

Kizuna was staring absentmindedly at the form of Megafloat West USA. It looked like a streamlined enormous submarine.

“The one that Japan is likely to meet across might be West USA I think—, they are supposedly in the Pacific Ocean. Their float is attached with a submerging function, it seems that it can move underwater like a submarine you know—, I don't know for sure though.”

It was a lenient lesson like always.

This second year first class was the top class of combat department, but by no means that this class was only doing combat training.

Modern Japanese and classical literature, history and geography, general education was also properly taught here. It was just that there was no full-time teacher for each of those curriculum, almost all lessons were given by the homeroom teacher Sakisaka Saki.

What made that possible was because the class lesson had been turned into data and fundamentally the teacher only needed to run the class program.

Of course, they employed full time lecturers regarding the curriculum with high specialization like art or music. However, the number of teachers were few in contrast with the number of students. Because of that, the teachers didn't participate in student management or civic guidance outside the class at all. Therefore, independent control management of students was necessary.

The public morals committee that Himekawa belonged to was also one of those, in order to protect the public morals and order of Ataraxia, they were working day and night.

‘——I think that’s praiseworthy in that case, but.....’

With a sidelong glance, Kizuna took a peek at Himekawa’s face from the side.

As expected, didn’t she look tired?

He recalled the matter that Reiri told him just now while looking at Himekawa’s side profile.

{Just when in the world are you planning to do Heart Hybrid with Kizuna?}

Certainly, the remaining Hybrid Count of Himekawa was little.

If the enemy appeared, she might meet with a dangerous experience, like Yurishia before this, where her Hybrid Count became empty in the middle of battle.

Even if he was waiting, there was no way Himekawa would be the one who became motivated to do this.

‘I’ve got to do something.’

However, Himekawa was really fastidious, she didn’t think of him favorably.

First, he had to obtain Himekawa’s trust.

In order to do that——.

“The work of the public morals committee?”

Himekawa faced him with a difficult expression.

“Yeah, I want to help.”

After school, Kizuna came to the student guidance room and requested Himekawa.

It was fortunate that no one was inside the room except Himekawa. Thanks to that, he could talk without reservation.

Himekawa crossed her arms and made a complicated face.

“I don’t know what you are thinking, but do you understand your own standing? No one will consent to you entering the supervising side.”

“That’s why. I’m not doing erotic things by my own will, that’s what I want to prove.”

Kizuna desperately appealed to Himekawa.

“I want everyone to understand, that what I’m doing is due to the mission, I myself am a proper human being. If I do that, then I won’t have any guilty conscience in doing Heart Hybrid, even Himekawa, you won’t have any sense of inferiority towards everyone with that right?”

Himekawa showed a surprised face.

“You are——thinking about me?”

“Even I don’t do all that because I like it, but I understand that in the end Himekawa feels ashamed because of my fault. That’s why, I want to be of any help even for a little.”

However, Himekawa was staring at Kizuna as if evaluating him with a dubious expression.

“.....”

After pondering for a while,

“——I understand, fine then.”

“Really!?”

Kizuna raised a joyful voice.

“Yes. But, I too will determine what kind of person Hida-kun is, through this work as public morals committee.”

“Thank you. Take care of me then.”

“Yes, me too. Please take care of me.”

After saying that, Himekawa suddenly smiled gently.

That smiling face of Himekawa, was unreasonably lovely.

Kizuna felt like he received a surprise attack.

That smile was graceful, gentle, soft like the sunlight of spring, a warm smile.

In that smile, not even a little of her usual harsh atmosphere could be felt.

“Is something the matter?”

“Ah, no. It is I who should say, take care of me!”

Kizuna lowered his head quickly to hide his reddened face.

【Exposing – First case】

“This is Himekawa Hayuru of public morals committee. You peeping-toms are caught red handed, obediently hand yourself over!”

“Geh! This is bad!”

Himekawa and Kizuna opened the door and rushed to the rooftop, there, three male students were lying on their stomach peeking through a telescope. It seemed that they were trying to peek at the girls changing clothes in the classroom. They were thorough in that they were using a telescope that was equipped with a recording function.

When Kizuna took away their telescope, he examined which maker it was from.

Which reminded him, last week there was a popular topic about an uploaded video of girls changing on the net. Someone commented that the image was taken using a particular lens but..... so that was because it was not using a camera, but a telescope then?

“You guys..... that means, the changing video uploaded to the net before this was also——”

“Yo, you’re wrong! We, we didn’t know anything like that!”

“Yeah, yeah! That’s a false accusation!”

The peeking students yelled the same thing unanimously. Their desperation only made him even more suspicious.

“Well, we will understand soon enough if it’s investigated. Don’t be so worried if you guys really didn’t do it.”

“Hida-kun, what are you talking about?”

Himekawa tilted her head.

“Aah, actually on the net last week, there was a popular topic about the peeking video of Ataraxia female students. Perhaps that video was taken using this telescope, that’s what I’m talking about.”

“That kind of thing…….”

Himekawa made a shocked face, but she immediately glared at the peeping-toms with a severe gaze.

“What a shocking thing to do in this emergency time. Tomorrow, show your faces in the student guidance room! I will pursue your other crime thoroughly.”

The expressions of the three male students became puzzled for a moment, but they immediately showed a relieved smile.

“Ye, yeah. Got it, tomorrow yeah.”

‘Hmph, I see.’

“Himekawa, can we lock these guys’ room and all electronic devices they have?”

“Wha-!?”

The three froze.

“Eh? That’s, I think we can if we request it but…….”

“Then, do that. If not, they are going to make the evidence disappear today.”

“Stop it! Don’t you have this thing called compassion-!”

With a grim gaze, Himekawa scowled at the male students.

“I have no compassion for people who act cowardly like peeping!”

The three collapsed on the floor from great despair.

【Exposing – Second case】

“This is Himekawa Hayuru of the public morals committee! I’m carrying out an examination due to the suspicion of carrying a prohibited item. Hand over your luggage obediently!”

Himekawa’s dignified voice resounded inside the book preparation room.

Inside the room that was full of dust, around six male students were gathering. On top of the desk, a bag filled to burst with books, and then several books were lined up.

—They were porn books.

Photo collections, illustration albums, and then porn manga.

The moment Himekawa saw their covers, her face turned red in a flash.

“Wha, what inappropriate things…… thi, this is an obvious violation of school regulation! They are all confiscated, further punishment will also be decided in the student guidance room!”

“Damn, a crackdown!”

“Take the things and run!”

One person grasped the bag on the table and rushed out of the room.

“Wait!”

Kizuna tried to pursue, but the other five were standing in his way.

“Please don’t be a hindrance!”

Himekawa took the hand of one of them and beautifully flung him away.

‘Uwaa, amazing.’

It looked like Aikido or something. Even though he didn’t see her put any strength, the opponent’s body floated lightly in the air. His back hit the floor hard, leaving him writhing around on the floor.

Looking at that, the other students who got scared opened the path.

“Hida-kun, we are chasing after him!”

“Roge——uwaa!?”

The moment they came out to the corridor, something was passing through in front of their eyes.

——Heart Hybrid Gear!?

The male student wearing armor on his body was flying in the corridor.

In his hand was the bag that was taken away in the escape just now.

“That’s the guy! But, what’s that!?”

“That’s the Heart Hybrid Gear for practice use introduced from this week!”

‘So that’s what it was!’

Kizuna remembered.

That was the Heart Hybrid Gear for practice use, developed by Shikina Kei of Nayuta Lab.

——[Technical Gear]

Originally, if a Core was not installed inside the pilot's body, a Heart Hybrid Gear couldn't be equipped. In other words, the time one could actually start practicing was only after the Core was installed.

Timewise it was also something pointless, there was also the risk of the student with aptitude for the core, yet after the Core was installed, it turned out that the student actually didn't have the talent as a pilot.

From there, this Technical Gear was developed.

Created from all the existing technology, it was a replica of Heart Hybrid Gear.

Of course, the spec was far from the real Heart Hybrid Gear.

Even so, it would be useful in cultivating human resources, a great result was expected from it.

“——Despite so, right now it's used for absconding with porn books of all things-!”

“Most likely, he is the student in charge of the test flight! This is a complete mistake in personnel selection!”

Kizuna and Himekawa began to run chasing after the flying student. However, they couldn't possibly catch up by running.

“We will lose him at this rate! We are also going-!”

Himekawa spoke resolutely with a face like a hero of justice.

“Eh? Don't tell me.....”

“Neros!!”

The body of Himekawa that dashed through the corridor shined red.

When the bright light was gone, there was Himekawa there with red armor wrapping her body on her uniform.

She ignited her thrusters, causing gale to blow in the corridor. The unique sound of ejected particles roared and Himekawa's body flew until the end of the corridor in a flash.

'Shi, shit, do I have to equip mine too?'

Because Himekawa equipped her gear, the attention of the students in the corridor was gathered to him. On the contrary, because of the commotion, even the students inside the classroom also rushed outside.

Was he going to shout that amidst all this? That word?

In the center of this many people, must he shout that word?

'I don't wanna!'

He rejected it firmly!

There was no doubt that it would add more to his shame, like pouring oil to fire, it would be talked over again through the whole school.

However, if he didn't hurry, he wouldn't be able to help Himekawa. If right here he helped in apprehending the criminal, perhaps the trust value in him would go up.

.....

.....damn it all,

"I'm gonna do it!"

Kizuna shouted half in abandonment.

"Eros!!"

Kizuna's body was wrapped in pink radiance emitted by the Core.

From below, a black glittering armor appeared. It released luster of silver brightness, and then pink colored line of luminescence ran through the whole surface.

Kizuna's Heart Hybrid Gear, [Eros].

He fired his thruster and accelerated all at once. He slipped through the gap of the students and rushed through the corridor. When he arrived at the end of the path, he flew heading up through the stairs.

He was wearing the Heart Hybrid Gear not with a pilot suit but with his uniform, so he couldn't display the gear's original performance.

In the first place, this was the powerless Eros. If he was not careful, it might be overtaken even against a Technical Gear. However, he couldn't complain here.

"Himekawa! Where are you right now?"

Around his body, several transparent screens appeared. Various sorts of information and parameters were displayed there, these were floating windows.

Inside one of it, Himekawa's figure was projected.

"Right now I'm in the first year's building. I'm not mistaken in coming here, but I lost him. I'm chasing him through the south path, so Hida-kun, can you search from the opposite path?"

"Roger!"

From the stair of the fifth floor, he once again entered the corridor.

The students in the corridor were panicking from the suddenly appearing Heart Hybrid Gear.

He passed through them barely from the side.

It was easy to avoid the surprised students who stood stock still. However, the moving ones made it difficult.

Kizuna tried to pass through from above the students' heads and raised his altitude barely below the ceiling.

However, there were some protrusions above, each time he had to lower his altitude. Then unexpectedly the gap he could dodge was limited, making it all the more dangerous instead.

When he lowered his altitude thinking that, the door opened and a long stick was jutted out.

“!?”

From the history preparation room, a female student carrying a retro map appeared.

“Ku!”

He barely avoided it by flying low on the floor.

“Kyaaa!”

He left far behind the flowing scream of the female student.

Like that he kept flying in low altitude where he almost touched the floor. The wind pressure from his flying was flipping up the skirts of the female students one after another, but there was no time to watch in fascination. Soon the corner would come. He turned at the corner doing his utmost so that his speed wouldn't drop.

However, the wall approached without him being able to turn.

“Chih!”

Kizuna reached out his foot and he landed on the wall with his body still horizontal with the floor.

And then he kicked.

The wall broke opening a hole, but he succeeded in turning. Furthermore he got additional acceleration. In exchange a wall became a sacrifice, but, well it couldn't be helped.

“! There-!”

Crossing the corridor ahead, a Technical Gear could be seen.

Kizuna followed after it and turned at the corner.

And then he pursued straight through the corridor in earnest.

“Himekawa! I found him. I'm in the middle of pursuit at the connecting path of the third year's building. At this rate, I'll catch up to him at the second year's building.”

A T-junction approached before his eyes.

At the end of the path was coincidentally the classroom of Kizuna and the others, the second year first group. From the window at the corridor, the situation inside was visible. If he didn't quickly decelerate, he would crash into the classroom at this rate.

However, the Technical Gear didn't show any sign of decelerating.

‘——Don't tell me,’

Just like that, the Technical Gear crashed the window and flew into the classroom.

“You asshole! That’s just too reckless.”

The Technical Gear passed through the class like that and headed outside the building.

The escapee was too agitated and he lost his normal judgment.

“Shit, I’m going to get away like this! Now that this humiliation has been exposed for all to see, I’ll rather run away from Ataraxia! I’m free! I——”

However, ahead of him was not freedom.

What was ahead was a red Heart Hybrid Gear. What was ahead was the future where his punishment was waiting.

“You won’t get away!”

Himekawa drew out the Sword on her hips.

“U-. UWAWAWAAAAA-!”

The Technical Gear couldn’t decelerate immediately, it kept heading towards Neros like that.

“HAA-!”

A flash filled with fighting spirit. Himekawa faced the Technical Gear and slashed her Sword.

The male student wearing it was not hurt, only the harness connecting the Technical Gear with the student was bisected with paper thin difference. The separated Technical Gear and the male student fell down to the pool.

“Himekawa! You were waiting in ambush?”

When Kizuna flew out from the classroom window, he flew towards Himekawa's position.

"Yes. Thanks to Hida-kun chasing him, I could prepare ahead of him."

"Is that so..... it's great that I can be of help. But....."

Kizuna looked down at the student floating in the pool.

"No need to worry. The person is not hurt."

The student wasn't wounded, only the linking part with the gear was bisected, that was really an amazing skill.

"But, well..... looks like he is also quite damaged."

Looking at the male student who was losing consciousness while floating in the pool, Himekawa averted her gaze awkwardly.

"Tha, that..... he has to reflect a little so..... to end with only this much cannot be helped isn't it?"

Looking at Himekawa whose cheeks were reddening from guilt, Kizuna unintentionally snorted.

"Wh, what's with that reaction?"

"N, no, nothing. I'm just thinking, that this will become a talk once more in school."

He answered while holding back his laugh.

Himekawa glared at Kizuna with a disgruntled face,

"Hmph, how mean."

She averted her face irritably.

“But..... certainly, if good deeds like this are piled up..... perhaps someday, a day will come where it will be recognized, and forgiven.....”
——?

The side profile of Himekawa who was saying that was,
Seemed as if she was smiling,
It looked fleeting somehow,
For some reason, it also looked sad.

“Himekawa?”

“Eh? Ah, no, it’s nothing at all. Hida-kun too, surely the opinion of everyone about you will rise with this case today. Do your best with this momentum!”

“Ou! As an apprentice public morals committee member, I’ll do my best to not bring shame for the committee!”

However, the next day——,

Hida Kizuna Strikes Again!? In broad daylight, he was witnessed yelling [I’m gonna do it] and [Eros]. On top of flipping up the skirts of female students, he was involved in a scuffle for the sake of obtaining porn books!!

——Kizuna at this time still didn’t know, that the school newspaper with that kind of headline was going to appear.

【Exposing – Third case】

“This is Himekawa Hayuru of the public morals committee! What are you two doing here!”

Together with Himekawa’s yelling voice that was like a grim demon, the door of the athletic warehouse was opened.

There was a second year male student and a first year female student embracing each other on top of a mat.

The buttons of their uniforms were unbuttoned, both of them had their underwear taken off.

“Wha-.....-”

Himekawa’s face turned bright red.

“Aah geez! Why are our students just keep causing shameless problems like this!?”

“So, son of a bitch! Why have we gotten found out?”

“Se, senpai, I told you already that this is risky.....”

The couple buttoned their shirts in panic while beginning to quarrel unsightly.

Himekawa cleared her throat then read up the offense charges with her face still red.

“You two are clearly in violation of Ataraxia high school student council regulation paragraph five, [Illicit sexual relationship is forbidden inside the school]. You cannot make any excuse after getting caught red-handed like this.”

“Isn’t this fine, just overlook this! Even you guys are doing the same thing right?”

Himekawa's face stiffened with a snap.

"What are you....."

"You guys are doing erotic things however you like while cracking down on us like this, that's just unfair! Something like that is too sly!"

"I, I don't——"

"What the hell are you saying!"

Kizuna muscled in right in front of Himekawa.

"Hi, Hida-kun?"

"We are doing that because of the mission! We are not doing that just because of our desire! Besides, Himekawa still hasn't done anything like this. Are you guys thinking at all, just how much Himekawa who has hard-headed feelings is worrying about this, huh!?"

Kizuna's menacing look shut up the couple with a puzzled look.

Himekawa too, she was staring at Kizuna's face dazedly.

"Ah....."

When Himekawa returned to her senses, she confirmed the identity of the students with her information terminal.

"Then, I will report this case. Later, a verdict will come from the academy. Until then please take your classes as usual."

At that time, the bell that informed of the end of the school that day rang out.

"That's it for today..... let's go home, Hida-kun."

Like that, the activity of the public morals committee this day came to an end.

Kizuna and Himekawa returned to the student guidance room, and after they prepared to return home they exited the classroom.

Outside had become dark completely, there was also almost no students remaining. Inside the school became all the more quiet, only the sounds of their footsteps reverberated strangely loud.

The illumination of the corridor and the stairs had been mostly turned off, the white wall and floor were beautifully reflecting the blue indirect lighting running on the wall.

“Himekawa, you are always remaining in school until this late?”

“Yes. Because there is no end of students causing problems.”

“Haha..... ha”

He understood that from acting together with Himekawa these few days, as long as there were students remaining in school, there would be some fellows that were causing some kind of trouble. In that case, even when at this time when it was time to go home, such things were not impossible.

Both of them walked side by side, descending down the stairs.

“But..... there is also a good thing you know?”

“Eh?”

“The school at night is really quiet, it calms me down.”

“Is that so..... a lot of people thought that the school at night is scary. But Himekawa is fine with that?”

“Yes. Because, isn’t it beautiful?”

Himekawa stopped at the stairs’ landing.

Kizuna didn’t notice that and went down a few steps before turning back.

Behind Himekawa, there was a large window of the stairs’ landing.

The radiant light of the moon shined in from the window, making Himekawa’s contour shine beautifully.

When Himekawa looked up to the sky, her long black hair spread gently.

As though princess Kaguya had came from the moon. Such words suddenly floated in his mind.

“Yeah..... beautiful.”

“Right? The light of the stars and the moon are——”

“No, Himekawa is.....”

“.....Ha!?”

Himekawa’s face became red, she was greatly flustered.

“Wha, what, what are you fooling around for, enough with the joke, le, let’s go home quickly——”

Himekawa that tried to go down the stairs panickedly missed her step.

“Kyaaa——!?”

Himekawa’s body floated on the air as if she was thrown.

“Hime——!!”

Kizuna immediately spread his two hands and caught her body.

He hugged the falling body of Himekawa right from the front. His balance crumbled, but he was only staggered for two, three stairs before he somehow held his ground.

“Hi, Hida, ku.....n”

“Hime.....kawa”

Kizuna received a shock from the sensation of Himekawa inside his arms.

How,

She was slender, that it felt unreliable.

If he just put a little more strength, it felt like she would break.

She was completely different from Aine and Yurishia.

But, she was soft, and supple.

“E, err, Hida-kun.....I.....”

Himekawa’s face was really close.

A well-ordered face, like a doll.

Her beautiful skin that was like porcelain was dyed in light pink.

Inside her moist eyes, red particles of light were——,

“Eh-?”

From Himekawa’s body, red light began to come out.

“Hi, Hida-kun, this is.....what.”

From Kizuna’s body too, pink colored light particles were rising up.

No way,

“——Heart Hybrid.”

“Eeh-!?”

At that instant, light burst out.

Was just now.....really Heart Hybrid?

However, this was not even something erotic.....wasn't it?

“Err.....”

“Eh? Aah, just now, I think that's Heart Hybrid but.....just why did it happen, I don't——”

“Re, release me.....”

Himekawa whispered with a vanishing voice.

“Eh! Ah! So, sorry.”

He was still hugging her all that time.

Kizuna helped Himekawa stand up in panic and released his hands.

“Sorry, Himekawa. That happened so quick, I just...”

“No, that.....I was the one who got helped, so.....”

Himekawa's face was red and her eyes looked down.

However, while she was telling him to release her.....it was puzzling that Himekawa's hand kept clutching his clothes. Well, perhaps she was still feeling disoriented.

“I'm sorry, really.....that, the body, of someone like me.....even if you touch it, it's not pleasant at all. Forgive me to make you feel uncomfortable like that.”

What was she running her mouth about?

“No, I don’t really understand what you are trying to say but.....it’s not, uncomfortable or anything like that at all.”

“But, I’m not like Aine-san or Yurishia-san, my style is not good.....”

Himekawa’s fingers fidgeted around.

Aah, usually Aine always made fun of her, So, she actually received those jokes seriously like this?

“Regarding a girl’s style, I think it’s impolite to say this and that but, I’ll say it clearly because of this situation. Himekawa, your style is really great.”

“Lies! Boys like girls with large breasts right? My breasts are small like this!”

Himekawa’s fingers still clutched at the collar of Kizuna’s uniform while she shook her hand fiercely.

The neck hurt, the neck!

“Tha-, that’s why, why are you comparing yourself to those girls in Miss Universe class! Even your breasts are big enough! Beside, that thing is nothing more than a part of someone’s charm right!?”

Himekawa’s hands stopped.

“.....Is it really true?”

“It’s true. I’m serious.....hm, eh, where is my phone?”

Kizuna groped around his pocket and took out his smartphone. And then he checked Himekawa’s Hybrid Count.

“38%! Himekawa, you recovered by 10% see! We did it!!”

“10%? That’s.....even though I only recovered 3% after two weeks.....”

With just an instant like that, it recovered the portion of six weeks?

This was.....

“This is.....Heart Hybrid.”

That instant.

Her chest was throbbing,

Painfully,

But, it was a mysterious feeling, like her heart was satisfied.

——Unexpectedly, it might not feel bad.

“Himekawa, something wrong?”

“Hya!?No-nothing wrong!”

“? Then, let’s go home.”

“Yo, you don’t need to tell me, I’m going home!”

Himekawa took the lead and descended down the stairs with quick steps.

‘Doing that with me.....is not bad, how could.....’

So that her red face wouldn’t get exposed, and so Kizuna couldn’t catch up to her, she headed to the entrance with quick steps.

Chapter 2 – The Beautiful Woman of Country of Ruin

Part 1

“Well then, I’ll explain the outline of the operation.”

Hida Reiri looked over the Amaterasu members who were gathering in Nayuta Lab.

It was an emergency summon.

Kizuna, Aine, and Himekawa lent their ears to Reiri’s story with obedient faces.

In contrast, it was only Yurishia who looked around at the surroundings with a face that looked as if she would break out humming anytime.

Reiri was not even much concerned with Yurishia’s behavior, she turned to the console in the center of the room and called out.

“Kei, I’ll let you explain.”

In front of the console that looked like a cockpit, a petite girl was sitting.

She was the researcher in charge of this Nayuta Lab, the person in charge of Ataraxia’s research department, Shikina Kei.

Her hair was held back with several pins, her eyes settled behind the glasses didn’t show anything of what she was thinking about.

Kei didn’t reply back and only moved her fingers with amazing speed.

Thereupon, in the middle of the research room, several floating windows appeared.

A window each appeared in front of Kizuna and the others, displaying the text that Kei inputted.

{Yesterday, at 2.10 AM of Megafloat Japan's standard time, we caught a weak radio wave.}

On the floor surface, a map of the Pacific Ocean with Megafloat Japan as the center was displayed. Currently, the Megafloat was cruising between Papua New Guinea and Philippines. A red blinking line was stretching from Megafloat Japan on the map.

{When the radio wave was analyzed, we understood that it was undoubtedly something used by mankind for transmission. That dotted line is displaying the direction from where the radio wave was sent.}

The map was scrolled following the stretched dotted line.

Before long the scrolling of the screen was stopped at the end point of the line which was an island.

“.....Guam?”

Yurishia raised a questioning voice.

“Correct. The transmission wave was delivered from around Guam.

Yurishia, have you ever been to the American military base in Guam?”

“Only to the degree of stopping by there. It was before the 2nd Another Universe Conflict, so I didn't have any impression of it other than a normal resort area..... but, naturally that place also has an Entrance right?”

The origin was unclear, but Entrances that occurred due to the collision of world space existed only above land. In addition, it only appeared on land with a certain degree of size, it wouldn't appear in a place like a small island.

But, Guam's land size was more than 500 square kilometers, it was a large island. There was a high chance that an Entrance with AU existed there.

{There is a record that an Entrance appeared there in the 2nd Alternate Universe Conflict and it turned into a battle. However, after that no one knows how it turned out there.}

Kei's words were not generated as sound, but conveyed to them as text on the window. It was not like she had a disability that made her unable to speak. She was just extremely poor in communicating with people.

"We don't know if there is anyone in Guam, or if it was the people of AU using human facility. However, in any case there was supposedly someone there sending us a transmission. The mission this time is to infiltrate an area under the control of AU, and to make clear of the source of the transmission. All of you are to land at Guam Island."

"What!?"

Kizuna reflexively raised his voice.

"There is an Entrance there right? That's too dangerous!"

"The situation won't change for the better if we keep getting scared of the enemy's shadow forever and only run around."

Reiri said flatly.

"Then, we are going to march into the enemy's controlled land.....and start a full-blown war?"

Even until now they were using the phrase of war with AU, but in reality there was no battle or anything. Mankind was only one-sidedly exterminated, their countries stolen, and they escaped above the sea where the hand of the enemy couldn't reach.

And then even now, they were cowering from that shadow, running from place to place above the sea.

Certainly, they defeated the enemy's battleship with Zeros' Corruption Armament, but saying it in reverse, they were merely sinking one battleship after all this time.

"Before the war happens, we first need to know about the enemy. Our knowledge about the AU, is nonexistent."

The map projected under their feet began to move once more.

Kei manipulated the console and tapped the keyboard.

{The main objective of this mission is to collect information of the area that fell under the control of the enemy. Originally, we want to perform investigation of mainland Japan and the neighboring islands, but in the current situation the danger is great. From our experience until now, when we entered the range of two hundred until three hundred kilometers from the land, the possibility of the enemy detecting us is high. In other words, the more we are approaching a large land, the danger is also increasing. In that meaning, the land of Guam which doesn't have any other Entrance in it's vicinity is suitable as the first test.}

"First Megafloat Japan will approach Guam until 300 kilometers from it. Amaterasu will all take off from there. Separate into two groups, then investigate the center urban area Hagania and Tamon, and Andersen airbase at the north side. For the dividing of the group and the instruction on the actual scene.....Kizuna, you take control."

"Eh! Me?"

Kizuna was shocked from the sudden appointment.

“N, no, it’s impossible even if you suddenly told me to do it.....”

The shoulder of the panicked Kizuna was lightly tapped.

“Fufufu, take care of us. Novice captain-san★”

Yurishia showed a wink from a close distance.

“No, really, there is no way me as a captain...”

“It’s not impossible or anything, perhaps this can be said as the right man in the right place.”

Aine unexpectedly talked as if in endorsement of Kizuna.

“Aine.....no, I never thought that you will say that about me. Now I feel a little shy.”

“Because, Kizuna usually doesn’t have any combat ability, you are just being useless. That’s why, I think it’s fine for you to be the captain in a place far from the front line. So that you won’t be a hindrance to us.”

“So you are just getting rid of a nuisance!”

Having said that, what Aine said also made sense. Kizuna’s Eros almost didn’t have any combat ability, it had no redeeming feature other than its Life Saver.

However, even such Eros had a method to obtain a wonderful combat ability.

——[Climax Hybrid]

With that phenomenon which was even more superior than Heart Hybrid, it would bring result that was truly miraculous. It could power up the partner’s Heart Hybrid Gear, and added a special weapon called the

[Corruption Armament]. And then at the same time, Eros would copy the ability of the partner Heart Hybrid Gear, making it possible for Eros to exhibit similar combat ability.

“However, just by getting near, the enemy will quickly find us isn’t it? Besides, if there is an amazing number of army stationed there, we are going to fall into a really bad situation.....”

As if to flaunt off, Aine brushed off her silver hair that was shining from the lighting.

“Well, at that time I will show you how I exterminate the enemy with my Corruption Armament [Pulverizer].”

She was truly smug. Her face looked like it couldn’t be more triumphant than that.

Yurishia chuckled mockingly ‘fufun’ to that.

“Myy, aren’t you unable to use Pulverizer anymore?”

“.....u”

Aine’s mouth was shut tightly.

“It disappeared when time passed correct? That prided Corruption Armament♪”

After that battle, Zeros was tested in Nayuta Lab. However, when Aine tried equipping Zeros, Zeros had returned to its default state and Pulverizer was also gone.

Kizuna’s Eros was also the same, it was reversed back to the usual useless gear.

“The, then, I just need to do it one more time, the Climax Hybrid.”

“My, this time I should be the one testing it though. Hey? How about around tonight? Let’s go on a date, and together to a hotel——”

“Please stop! That’s really shameless!”

Himekawa yelled with a bright red face.

“You all, stop playing around.”

With a single sentence from Reiri, the place returned to dead silence.

“Well then, breakup. The operation will begin tomorrow night. Until then, study the necessary information like the local map.”

Reiri said that and exited from the room.

Her head hurt from watching the three continuing to quarrel.

A window appeared in front of Kizuna who heaved a deep sigh.

{If you find yourself in need of a love hotel, say it anytime. I’ll prepare it.}

.....Shikina-san.

From the other side of the console, he could see Kei making a reserved thumbs up.

Part 2

The sunset of southern country was really beautiful, one wouldn’t get tired of seeing it no matter how many times.

Standing at the edge of Ataraxia, Kizuna was gazing at the horizon that was dyed by the sunset.

The large sun was sinking on the sea, the curtain of night was gradually lowered down above the head. That state which kept changing moment by moment was exactly the showtime of mother nature.

This spot was the testing ground that was adjacent to Nayuta Lab. The width was close to a 400 hundred meters track-and-field running track. Since the past, this was the facility used for Heart Hybrid Gear activation experiments and the like. Kizuna too had his first flight in this place when he was a child.

At this time he had already finished wearing Eros. At the same time, Aine, Himekawa, and Yurishia too were also wearing their respective Heart Hybrid Gears.

In front of Kizuna, Kei's floating window appeared.

{The check of all gears is finished. There is no problem, you can go anytime.}

Kizuna raised his hand to Shikina Kei who was in a slightly separated place to show his acknowledging thought.

"Then, let's depart soon. We will separate into two groups, me and Himekawa, Aine and Yurishia. We are going to the urban area in the center, Haganian and Tamon, Aine and Yurishia are to investigate Andersen air force base in the north."

Yurishia nodded.

"Roger. I more or less know about that base."

"After separating on-site, start the investigation. Two hours after that, we are going to meet at the airport site in the center of the island. The enemy

might be intercepting, so we basically won't use our communication. However, emergency situation doesn't count. That's all, any questions?"

Aine raised her hand.

"Why are Kizuna and Hayuru together?"

"Eh? No, it's better for Yurishia who has familiarity to go to the base right? If Yurishia and Himekawa are grouping together, then that means me and Aine will group together."

"Is there any problem I wonder? Though depending on your answer, your neck might break."

"Don't say anything scary! A group with me who doesn't have offensive power and you who is a specialist of super close range, the balance is just bad."

"If, if that's the problem, then it's fine if we just do Climax Hybrid isn't it?"

"Certainly Pulverizer has an amazing power, but it's big, just shooting it once will make a large commotion. It cannot be used in an infiltration investigation right? Even I will only get the ability of Zeros, so it will only become two people with the same ability."

".....What a useless man."

"Next, there is also a choice where I go to the base but....."

Aine compared the face of Yurishia and Himekawa.

"It can't be helped then....."

Aine faced away with an irritated face.

She looked dissatisfied, but for the time being it seems she understood the situation that Kizuna could be relieved inside his heart.

“Yosh, all gears take off!”

Together with Kizuna’s command, the four Heart Hybrid Gears flew to the sky.

Light was ignited from the thrusters, four colors of light drew lines in the madder red sky. Before long those lights separated into two, becoming two streaks of blue-golden light and red-pink light.

After Amaterasu departed, Reiri and Kei were watching over the progress of the operation in Nayuta Lab.

Nonetheless, they couldn’t understand the situation detail from Ataraxia. In the end, they were just waiting for contact. Reiri and Kei separated from the other staff and secluded themselves in the center control room.

“Re-ri, want a drink? There is also local beer you know?”

“Aah, that thing created in Ataraxia. Where, let’s try drinking it.”

Because both of them were best friends since their time as students, the atmosphere between them was amiable. They were supposedly in the middle of duty, but the atmosphere was actually relaxed.

Reiri took out a beer bottle with Ataraxia label on it from the refrigerator and opened the cork with the corkscrew that Kei handed to her.

Kei opened a bottle of cola and held it out towards Reiri.

“For the success of the operation.”

“Cheers.”

The bottles raised clanking sound.

The two put their mouth directly on the bottle. The cold carbonic acid stimulated the tongue, watering the throat.

“Fuh, it’s unexpectedly good.”

“Right?”

After drinking the bottle dry in the blink of an eye, Reiri opened a second bottle.

“Re-ri. That radio wave, what do you think of it?”

“Nine out of ten, it’s just a coincidence. Something like an old communication facility malfunctioning.....or something.”

“I think that’s a sensible judgment.....but, by some chance, it might be human.”

“Do you know something?”

“That radio wave is sending data. Some kind of theory and.....graphic file like a map.”

Reiri raised her eyebrows.

“The detailed content?”

“That’s still unknown. But, perhaps it’s related to the Entrance.”

“I see.....however, the sender might be an AU person.”

Kei nodded briefly.

“Re-ri.....you don’t think, that it might be Professor Nayuta?”

Reiri's hand that was carrying the bottle to her mouth stopped.

"....."

She put the bottle on the table and dropped her body heavily on the sofa.

"No."

"——I see."

Silence flowed between the two.

"Kei, you want to meet that person?"

Kei's lips looked slightly smiling.

"I don't know. But, perhaps that's so. That person is.....a genius after all. She is something like a target of worship."

"Even you are a genius you know?"

Kei shook her head with a wry smile.

"The dimension is too different. In front of Professor Nayuta, someone like me is a mere ordinary person."

Reiri once again gulped her beer.

".....Re-ri yourself, Professor Nayuta.....your mother, what do you think about her?"

Reiri put the bottle she finished drinking on the floor.

And then, she spoke while looking at something far away.

"——My ultimate enemy."

Part 3

Yurishia and Aine were standing in front of the US military base at the northern part of Guam Island.

The sun had sunk into the sea already. There was not a single artificial light, only the moonlight was creating silhouettes of the building where the headquarters and office were in, and the hangar of the aircraft jets.

“When there is no human presence here, it feels like a different place.

Yurishia boldly entered inside the grounds from the entrance that was left ajar.

Aine too continued after her.

“Has nothing changed since the last time you came?”

“Hmmm, it was only two, three days for me, so honestly I don’t remember though.....but, I think nothing really changed. That’s what makes it eerie instead.”

“Eerie?”

“Because, there is no sign of battle see?”

Aine once again looked around at the entrance they came through and the fence, then the buildings inside the grounds.

Certainly there was nothing destroyed here. On the contrary there was not even a single bullet mark. People were only gone from here, leaving only large containers without anything inside. That was her impression.

“Did they escape.....or else, they surrendered without resistance I wonder.....”

Yurishia pondered with a difficult face.

Aine manifested several windows around her face and searched the surroundings with all sorts of sensors.

“There is nothing really standing out. Just completely abandoned buildings, I wonder if it’s fine to call them so?”

“What happened here, it’s great if we could just find some clue thoughh.”

Yurishia whispered with a carefree tone, but her eyes were vigilantly observing the surroundings.

Aine too responded while staring at the sensor.

“And, we also want information regarding the AU. We are the first ones infiltrating a place that had come under enemy control right?”

“Perhaps. At the very least, I have never heard of any story about information brought from this kind of place.”

After walking ahead, they found a large steel tower. Yurishia stopped walking in front of the building without lighting in front of that tower.

“There should be a communication facility here. First, let’s confirm this place.”

After they entered through the door left ajar, there was a pitch dark corridor continuing to the inside.

Yurishia drew out the gun on her waist. It was a [particle gun] that fired particles produced by the Heart Hybrid Gear as bullets.

“I’ll go first. Aine, please take care of my back.”

“Roger.”

The dark corridor was dimly illuminated by the luminescence of the Heart Hybrid Gear.

The two of them were advancing forward while paying meticulous attention.

“Everything.....is really spotless.”

“.....Rather, there is nothing here.”

Rather than calling the place clean, there was nothing.

Not to mention traps, even equipment and machine was not left behind sufficiently. The isolated bookshelves left didn't have a single book in it. The drawer of the desks were empty. And then, not a single electronic device like PC or anything could be found.

Although this was a military base, the operation here was similar to a government office. There should be a mountain of books and paperwork here, without PC or monitor here there would be no work that could be done.

“Hey, Yurishia. Is the US army destitute? I wonder if they sold their furniture to the pawnshop.”

“There is no way that's true.....”

The dark corridor continued straight. A few meters ahead was only darkness. That darkness felt like it was continuing towards a different world.

“?”

Ahead of the corridor, a dim light was visible.

“That's——”

Yurishia erected her index finger in front of Aine's eyes. Don't talk——looking at such sign, Aine nodded silently.

Both of them killed the sound of their footsteps and advanced.

Little by little the light became bigger.

‘——A door.’

Light was leaking out from the door.

Yurishia's heart beat became faster.

‘——Is there, someone?’

Yurishia prepared her particle gun.

She clung beside the door without raising a single sound, with a hand sign she called for Aine.

Aine and Yurishia nodded at each other, then Aine opened the door slowly. Yurishia separated herself slightly from the door, matching herself with the angle of the opening door, she confirmed the inside of the room.

“Clear, there is nothing.”

When Yurishia entered the room, she lowered her gun.

Aine who entered from behind asked Yurishia.

“This is?”

“.....Who knows?”

In front of the eyes of the two, there was a communication device that still had electricity.

From the large console, a low noise could be heard slightly.

“The light emitted by the communication device’s monitor was illuminating the wondering face of Aine.

“I wonder if it was only this thing that had been connected to electricity all this time? Or else.....”

Yurishia put the headphone connected to the device on her ear.

“Someone, was coming here recently.....I think?”

“There is still time until we meet up. Let’s try investigating a little bit more.”

Yurishia nodded to Aine’s words and put back the headphone on the console.

Jarring noise was continuing to flow out from the headphone.

Part 4

Kizuna and Himekawa were standing in Guam’s city that was illuminated by moonlight.

Once it was the main street intended for tourists.

However, right now not a trace of it could be seen.

“How cruel.....”

Himekawa stared at that scenery with blank amazement.

What spread in front of the two was a complete ruin.

Not a single one of the buildings lining up the two sides of the street were safe. From the information before the 2nd Another Universe Conflict that

they studied yesterday, there should be shops selling high class brand products lining up this place. But right now, it had been turned into a mountain of rubble.

There was also buildings that were still standing, but whichever it was, all of them were tilting and many holes were opened in them. Those might be the traces of bombardment. Surely there was also a large fire that happened here. Any building had the burned black traces remaining.

Even buildings that had comparatively few damage had all the doors of the shops broken, any kind of glasses were scattered about everywhere. When they peeked inside the store, there were shelves collapsed without any merchandise remaining.

The shell of burned cars were scattered about all over the places on the street.

So this was.....a world trampled about by magic weapons.

“What a terrible state.....damn it all.”

Kizuna’s back teeth was clenched so hard that it made a sound.

“Hida-kun. Let’s try searching. Perhaps there will be something, a clue to know about the AU.”

“Perhaps.....”

He was about to say that there might be survivors, but he stopped.

There shouldn’t be anyone surviving here.

The condition of this place was enough to make him think that.

Kizuna and Himekawa walked through the streets that had become ruins.

Broken glass and trash, wreckage was scattered on the ground, sound was created each time they stepped forward. The sounds echoed through this ghost city.

The pavement was broken that made it hard to walk. He guessed that it was the trace of the magic weapons' advance. The street had caved in all over the place.

After progressing forward, there was a collapsed building blocking half the street. Circling the wreckage of the building, they stared ahead of the street.

There was no presence of living things.

"The residents and travelers in this place, where did they all go....."

Himekawa answered while paying attention to the surroundings.

"That's so isn't it.....besides, not to mention the figures of AU people, there isn't even any figures of magic weapons here.....but, looking from the state of the city, it seems to be a certainty that this place was occupied once....."

It was once occupied, but then it was immediately abandoned?

Just what in the world was going on?

After advancing for a while, there was a wall of concrete and steel frame standing tall as if growing from the ground like a giant tree. Looks like it was the result of a collapsing building.

They cut across through that obstruction with bad visibility by using the gaps between.

And then, their field of vision suddenly opened.

In the middle of the scenery where there were only rubble all over the eyes could see, there was a beautiful woman sitting elegantly on a Victorian-style chair.

“.....-!!”

In front of the beautiful woman, there was an elaborately decorated round table and afternoon tea set placed on it. Alone by herself, she was bathed in moonlight while enjoying tea.

Her age was probably around twenty years old.

With long green hair and slender body, she was a really pretty woman.

She was wearing clothes that fitted tightly on her body line, releasing attractive sex appeal.

The clothes that was inserted with deep blue and golden lines had an atmosphere like a military uniform from somewhere. However, it had a different quality where the valley of her breasts and her thighs were exposed defenselessly.

That beauty was idly staring at the sky, perhaps from not noticing Kizuna and Himekawa yet.

The purple pupils inside her narrowed eyes were shining. Just what in the world those joyful eyes were seeing? Her glossy lips were gently smiling, she looked like she was going to hum a song anytime.

She was waiting expectantly for someone to arrive. That was how her atmosphere looked like.

“Is that a survivor!?”

Himekawa called out to that woman.

Kizuna that was watching completely in fascination also returned to his senses suddenly.

Himekawa approached closer for two, three steps, then she opened her hands with a smile for reassuring the woman.

“You are safe already, so please be reassured. We have come from Megafloat Japan.”

The woman slowly faced toward Himekawa. The purple eyes were reflecting the red Heart Hybrid Gear.

“We came to investigate this place. Excuse me.....are you someone who live in this place? Or else are you a traveler?”

The glossy lips of the woman opened.

“My.....my, my, my my my myy”

Wha, what?

Her state was strange for someone who was happy that help came.

The woman stood up from the chair.

She was tall, and her legs were long. She was like a foreign model that ran around barefooted, her figure was perfect. It was a miraculous molded beauty. The clothes that he thought as a skirt was terrifyingly short when she was standing up. The body suit on her nether region worn under that skirt was in plain sight.

However that woman didn't show any shyness about her own clothing. She joined her hands and smiled in great happiness.

“You are not the one I’m waiting for.....but, to be able to meet with Neros of all things. I’m really happy.”

——What?

Why, did she know Neros’ name?

Come to think of it, her clothes.

——It looked like, a pilot suit.

Himekawa spoke after realizing that.

“By any chance, are you someone from America’s Heart Hybrid Gear team? If that’s the case, then are you carrying out some kind of operation here?”

America?

No.

Green hair.

That suit.

Something was tugged inside Kizuna’s memory.

Inside his heart, something big raising tremor was approaching near.

The woman raised her voice happily.

“But this is a good omen. Like this, perhaps I can soon meet her.”

No way.

This woman was?

This woman was!?

From the amorous lips, a cheerful voice resounded.

“Zeel.”

From her body, green particles overflowed.

“This, this is-!?”

Himekawa raised a flustered voice.

The green light began to solidify. The particles of lights became armor covering that body.

Together with a conspicuously radiant light, the green radiance was dispelled.

Looking at that appearance, Kizuna unconsciously murmured.

“Heart Hybrid Gear.....”

An austere armor was created as if in protection of the beauty’s slender body. Several shields were protecting her, giving the impression like a personal solid fortress, it was undoubtedly a Heart Hybrid Gear. However, its atmosphere was different somewhere compared to Kizuna and the others’ gears.

And then he recognized that silhouette.

“The one before.....”

The mysterious Heart Hybrid Gear that deflected Pulverizer.

“Yo.....you! Who the hell are you!?”

That woman calmly smiled still the same like before.

"I am Aldea. Kindly take care of me."

".....!!"

She easily introduced herself.

No, but surely that was a fake name. Just which country's instigation this——

"Which country do you belong to-? And that Heart Hybrid Gear!?"

Himekawa represented Kizuna's doubt.

"I belong to the Vatlantis Empire."

Va.....Vatlan.....tis, Empire?

Just where did such a country exist?

Most likely she was only making fools of them.

Aldea pressed her finger on her lips and tilted her head as though being troubled.

"And so, that.....what you called gear, are you talking about magic armor I wonder? If that's so, I think I had spoken it before, but this is [Zeel]. Kindly observe as you see fit."

'——Damn it, just how brazen can you be!'

Kizuna's head was in chaos.

Just how much could he trust what she said?

N, no, if he thought about it calmly, then surely he couldn't trust even a single thing about it.

But.....certainly she called out the name of the Core to put on that gear.

Besides in the previous battle, this Heart Hybrid Gear.....no, this magic armor repelled Aine's Corruption Armament [Pulverizer], that was an unmistakable fact.

Kizuna fell quiet with a grim face. Cold sweat was flowing from his whole body.

Himekawa also tensed similarly like him. Her opened mouth was literally gaping open.

Aldea was wearing a gentle smile, as if to say 'Are you okay?'

Just what was with this woman?

Even though she answered all their questions, they couldn't understand her true identity at all.

Inside Kizuna, a feeling of anxiety was welling up.

'——Damn it-!'

".....Then, that, Vatlantis Empire you said.....just what's with that? I never heard of it."

"It's a great empire, ruling over half of the world you know? How unfortunate for you to not know of it."

"There is no way something like that exists! Just where the heck can that large empire exist!"

Aldea cheerfully smiled and pointed behind her with an elegant gesture.

The scenery behind her was like a scenery that floated on a water surface, it was shaking gently.

——An Entrance.

The point of contact that connected the world of this side with another universe. It was a puzzling wall with rectangle shape. The size was varied, the big one had height of several hundred meters. The length could even reach several kilometers. It had no thickness, it was transparent, so its existence was hard to notice. However when it was looked carefully, the scenery on the other side of the Entrance was swaying like looking through a distorted mirror or water. Right now, such thing was certainly existing behind Aldea.

“It’s on the other side you know. Isn’t that obvious. Geez, please don’t make fun of me.”

She sent the two a lovely, reproaching gaze.

This woman, was she saying that she was an AU person?

Kizuna didn’t know which was which anymore.

Was this a joke,

Was this the truth,

Was she sane,

Was she mistaken,

‘——Nee-chan.

If it was Nee-chan, what would she do in this kind of time?’

“Are you questions over already?”

“Wha.....n, no! Just wait. I cannot believe what you are saying, no rather than that, I cannot understand!”

“My my, that’s unfortunate. Then, I wonder if I can ask already? What is the name of your magic armor?”

“——Sh, shut up! I won’t say!”

‘Shit-! I don’t want to be asked that, even by a self-proclaimed AU person!’

“My, how unfriendlyy.....well, it’s only something without signature anyway though.”

With a dubious gaze, Himekawa faced Aldea.

“Do you have proof about your claim as an AU person? Just what in the world are you doing here? What is your objective?”

“Yes, yes, about that. To start with my first objective is...”

Aldea’s eyes shone bewitchingly.

“to take out the core from inside your body.”

——She came!?

“Himekawa, be careful!”

Kizuna put up his guard.

Himekawa withdrew her Sword and pointed its tip at Aldea.

“Fufu-♪”

All of a sudden the parts surrounding Aldea detached from her.

‘Wha-!?’

This woman, she purged(released) her Heart Hybrid Gear!?

Normally when Heart Hybrid Gear was purged, it went back into light particles. But, Zeel’s parts that detached from Aldea didn’t vanish and

stayed in the air, forming a line in front of Aldea. The detached parts had the shape like a long and slender shield of reverse pentagon. Round part was installed on top of it, it was like the circular shield of ancient Rome was combined with the reverse pentagon shield of middle age knights. There were six in total, all were lining up protecting Aldea.

“You intend to shield yourself? Something like that——”

Light ran through the Blades floating at Himekawa’s back. They raised a low rumbling and flew out in a glide.

“These Blades will pierce them!”

Like a shot arrow, the Blades flew heading to Aldea.

And then, they impacted the shields lined up before Aldea.

But——,

“Eh!?”

The Blades bounced back. It was not something simple like it was merely deflected by the shield.

The instant they hit the shields, the Blades distorted. They warped flexibly like rubber, in the next instant they flew away as if being pulled to a different direction. The control was completely lost and the Blades stabbed the ground and the mountain of rubble while rotating.

“Wha.....”

Himekawa’s expression tensed from being taken aback by surprise.

“My my, I wonder if the famously rumored Neros is unexpectedly not a big deal?”

Aldea smiled and reached her hand to one of the shields.

The shield shined radiantly and transformed into the shape of a spear.



Aldea held that spear in her hand and smiled happily.

Something shuddering ran through Kizuna's back.

"Himekawa, run away-!!"

Igniting their thrusters, Kizuna and Himekawa fell back behind in one breath.

Pursuing after them, Aldea kicked the ground.

She was charging at them with her spear prepared.

Kizuna and Himekawa slipped through the steel frames that were like a forest. They flew glidingly in super low altitude and circled behind the tilting big building.

Kizuna deployed Life Saver while turning back. Himekawa readied her Sword and was alert of the opposite side.

—Where would she come from?

"Himekawa. If that woman comes, I'll block her attack with the Life Saver. At that opening——"

The wall of the building concealing them warped.

".....-!?"

As if forming a vortex, a huge hole was opened in the building's wall. The wall was by no means crushed, the concrete was by no means smashed. It was not a realistic spectacle, it was like an image that was digitally processed. The edge of the hole distorted, it was like the hole was forcibly widened that it was visibly rippling.

And then Aldea holding her spear was walking gracefully inside that large hole.

It was an impossible sight.

That phenomenon that Kizuna's common sense couldn't understand made him unable to move his body.

"Hi.....Hida-kun. This is?"

Himekawa was also the same like him.

"Ufufu. It's no good. After all nothing exists that can obstruct my path."

Aldea spoke so happily, then she waved the spear in her hand horizontally. The spear touched the wall of the tunnel.

At that instant, the building was destroyed.

"Wha-! Whaatt!?"

It was as though the building was blown away directly horizontal, the building was collapsing at Kizuna and Himekawa's direction.

"UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!"

Kizuna activated his Life Saver amidst the raining down rubble and escaped. However, Kizuna and Himekawa's bodies were sent flying, they tumbled around on the ground.

"Kuh.....Himekawa! Are you okay!?"

He faced the densely enshrouding dusts and yelled.

"Ye, yes. I'm alri——"

Aldea with spear in hand flew out from inside the cloud of dust.

Himekawa immediately deployed her Life Saver.

——Eh!?

The moment the tip of the spear touched the Life Saver, the Life Saver's light shield distorted.

From the gap of the Life Sphere's distortion, the spear touched the palm of Himekawa.

The hand jumped.

As if it was pulled by an unseen power.

“Thi, this is!?”

Aldea's pulled her arm and pushed out her spear once more.

This time the spear touched Himekawa's stomach.

An impact that she had never experienced until now pierced Himekawa's body.

It was as if the inside of her stomach broke through to her back, a strange sensation. And then, with that point as the center the whole body was pulled. As if the direction of gravity was changed, Himekawa was blown away horizontally.

“Guh, HAAaAAA-!”

Himekawa's body was rotating strangely while plunging into a mountain of rubble.

‘——Wha, what was that, just now.

A spear attack?

The spear itself almost had no offensive power at all.

However, this is?’

“Himekawa, are you safe!?”

Kizuna’s figure was visible at the other side of the cloud of dust.

“Ye, yes! But, please be careful. Life Sphere doesn’t work against that spear!”

“What did you say!?”

When Kizuna stood up with tottering legs, he glared at Aldea who appeared from inside the dust smoke.

Aldea smiled cheerfully and thrust her spear on the ground. And then, she moved her spear to the side like that, drawing a line below her.

‘——What is she planning to do?’

The rubble under Aldea’s feet swelled up.

“Wha.....”

The ground shook.

‘——Earthquake? No.....this is.’

He got a bad feeling.

The rubble under Aldea’s legs undulated. Its height was gradually increasing while advancing here.

“That looks bad.....Himekawa!”

Himekawa was collapsed several tens of meters from him.

“Hida.....kun.”

He rushed to the location of Himekawa that was still unable to stand up, then he dragged her body along and ran away.

“We are escaping Himekawa!”

“Bu.....but”

Himekawa’s eyes were opened wide in shock.

When Kizuna looked back, a gigantic wall made tremors in the land while approaching them.

That was a tsunami made from rubble.

Concrete and steel frame, fragments of building and car wreckage, all those became one mass approaching at them.

That sight was like the whole city was vertically towering over them.

Deploying Life Saver would make them completely swallowed.

The gigantic tsunami of rubble covered the above of their heads, the night sky was being encroached by the darkness of the rubble.

‘——Damn it all, we cannot escape!’

Kizuna and Himekawa were enveloped in the darkness and the sound of destruction raised by the rubble.

That darkness was pierced by a single golden light.

That light gouged out the darkness, from there the face of the starry sky and moon came out.

The next moment, dazzling lights and explosions spread, then shockwaves struck their face.

“Wha, what the!?”

The golden light evaporated the rubble, blowing away the tsunami.

This was—a golden large caliber particle cannon.

Differential Frame!

“Yurishia!”

He could see golden light hovering in the sky bathed in moonlight. Golden light was leaking out from the Differential Frame on her back.

“I thought it was strange that you two didn’t come no matter how long we waited! What is all this commotion!?”

And then one more light, a blue light rushed through the night sky and landed besides Kizuna.

Lightly brushing the shining silver hair with her hand, she gazed at Aldea with her red eyes.

“I want to ask in detail about this situation and who that person is, but.....well, it’s all the same if we just capture that person and make her confess.”

Aine’s boastful talk felt reassuring for some reason right now.

“My my, further two more are coming. This saves me the hassle of searching.....my?”

Aldea stopped her movement. For some reason, she was staring fixedly at Aine.

“White magic armor.....you, you are the child firing that absurdly destructive large cannon aren’t you?”

Aldea’s eyes shined.

“As expected, it’s a magic armor I have never seen before. Silver hair.....red eyes.”

‘——Aldea’s state is strange.’

She was oddly excited looking at Aine.

“Hey, what is your name?”

“I don’t have any name to introduce to someone like you, but I’ll teach you specially. It’s Chidorigafuchi.”

Aldea touched her finger on her cheek, making a thinking gesture.

“I wonder where is your birthplace?”

“.....It’s Tokyo in Japan. The place you all stole.”

“Hmm—m.”

Aldea hummed. And then——

{The goddess dance. Nothingness, and death, and emperor. And then to eternity.}

Aldea sang something like a song.

‘——Ha?’

Kizuna was reflexively taken aback.

Himekawa and Aine were also the same like him.

Only Aldea was staring at Aine with eyes shining in anticipation.

What was that spell just now?

Or else, was that a poem or something?

By any chance, did Aine understand its meaning?

However Aine was scowling her face with all her heart.

——What's the meaning of that?

Her expression was telling so.

Aine stepped forward and stomped.

"I don't understand what you are running your mouth about, but calmly let us take you away. That's right.....we will prepare a party for your sake. A brawling party though."

Aldea's shoulders dropped in disappointment.

"My, what a lovely invitation. But, I'll refrain myself for now."

She smiled elegantly while heaving an exaggerated sigh.

"Aa— aa, how unfortunate. For some reason, I suddenly lost my motivation."

Aldea gracefully raised her hand and snapped her slender and willowy fingers audibly.

Thereupon, as if affected by that sound, the Entrance at her back swayed noticeably.

"What.....the?"

Something, was coming?

Was that woman, ordering something to come out from the Entrance?

Something was coming out, a body.

Inside the landscape that was like a water surface, something was gradually becoming clear.

An object that seemed to be glowing was approaching from the other side of the Entrance.

As if emerging to the surface, that thing came out.

A gigantic sphere of light with diameter around ten meters.

A spiraling pattern was continuing to move on the surface like a whirl, it vaguely resembled Jupiter.

That sphere was floating in the air, it was slowly coming here.

“That child will become your opponent. The Core can be taken even after death after all, so rest assured and die, okay?”

She said that child.....was that a living thing?

Even while he was wracking his brain about the thing's true form, the mysterious sphere was rapidly approaching near.

“Tha.....that's.....”

Himekawa's eyes were opened wide in shock.

“Himekawa, you understand what that thing is?”

“.....Dra...”

Himekawa's body was shaking, her teeth were clattering audibly.

The sphere stopped still.

They were confronting the sphere with distance of a hundred meters between the two sides.

“Dragon.....”

What?

A crack entered the sphere.

Intense light was gushing out from the crack.

“Just what in the world is inside——”

The sphere burst.

“——UOWAAAA-!”

Shockwave that was like an explosion crushed the street’s pavement. And then, the cars around were blown away like paper. The walls of the buildings distorted, they were being pushed down by the pressure.

Kizuna stood in front of Himekawa and Aine and deployed a large Life Saver. The terrific shockwave was assaulting him as if trying to crush his hands.

‘Shi, shit-! What is this? A bomb!?’

Mysteriously, the fragments of the cracked sphere were floating still in the air as if time was stopped.

However, a few seconds later it was like time began to resume once more, the fragments suddenly flew.

“——!?”

The radiant clumps that was like crystal rained down on the surrounding surface.

Those fragments caused large explosions the instant they touched buildings and the ground. The main street was enveloped in crimson flame in a flash.

“Wh, what kind of power this is!”

Kizuna put strength inside his hands and supported the Life Saver that he deployed in the front.

“Himekawa, Aine, you two okay!?”

“Ye, yes. Kizuna yourself, you okay?”

He could hear Aine’s worried voice from behind.

“Yeah! You don’t need to worry about me.....wait, Himekawa come on, give your reply too!”

However, there was no reply.

“Oi! You’re okay right!? Hime——”

At that time, the explosion of fragments stopped.

And then from inside the sphere, a figure of an object wrapped in a flame that looked like magma appeared.

“Wha.....what’s, that?”

While dripping with flame that was like magma, a round mechanical neck elongated, and a folded up pair of shining wings opened.

“Dragre?No.”

Kizuna recalled a category-A magic weapon, Dragre. However, this thing was obviously different with that. No matter how he saw it, it had the appearance like a legendary dragon, however——,

It had three necks.

Under its feet, there was Aldea who was protected by her shields.

When the shields opened, she displayed a wide smile.

"How is it? I wonder if you all are pleased?"

{Kizuna! That thing looks dangerous. It's better to withdraw from here!}

Yurishia's warning came from the floating window.

"I totally agree. We are retreating for the moment. Withdraw."

"As I thought.....the one from that time....."

Himekawa murmured deliriously.

"Himekawa?"

"What's wrong, Hayuru?"

However, the voices, whether it was Kizuna's or Aine's didn't enter her ears.

".....The three headed, magic weapon!"

Yelling such, Himekawa flew out.

"Hime.....!?"

Readying her Sword with both her hands, she rushed forward with all her speed.

"UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!"

Looking at her appearance, Aldea clapped her hands cheerfully.

"That's the spirit. Now, kill each other cordially okayy~"

"Himekawa! Come back-!"

Blades flew out with incredible speed, attacking straightforwardly at the three headed dragon. And then, they pierced the head and the neck of the magic weapon.

She did it!?

However, the three headed dragon didn't even twitch. The Blades ignited light particle trying to cut apart the magic weapon, but their blade couldn't break through the armor.

Kizuna was watching over that situation with held breath.

‘——That's impossible.’

No matter what kind of enemy it faced, the Blades would defeat it in an instant.

“HAAAAAA!”

In the opening while the Blades were attacking, Himekawa was sliding in below the three headed dragon. She thrust the Sword that she gripped with both hands to the stomach of the magic weapon. Sword's light particles scattered sparks against the armor of the magic weapon.

‘——Himekawa's sword, doesn't work?’

The armor of the three headed dragon repelled all of Himekawa's swords.

That was a shocking truth for Kizuna.

Until now, those swords had carved apart magic weapons really easily. That was an obvious truth, he had never even thought that a magic weapon that Himekawa's sword couldn't cut existed.

The mouth of the three headed dragon opened.

Instantly, sharp beam of flame was fired from that mouth.

“-!!”

Opening her thruster, Himekawa escaped from the flame. Chasing after Himekawa’s movement, the flame drew a line through the street and buildings. When the flame impacted something, explosion occurred from the inside of the street and building. The impact disturbed Himekawa’s movement. There the other neck attacked with gushing flame.

“KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!”

The flame blown away Himekawa.

Although she deployed Life Saver, the moment the flame impacted, it caused an explosion in the Life Saver. That shockwave threw Himekawa to a wall of a building.

‘Damn it! That magic weapon is just too dangerous!’

Kizuna rushed to Himekawa’s location.

“Oi, Himekawa! You okay!?”

“U.....kuh.”

“I’m going!!”

Aine faced the three headed dragon and jumped.

“TAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

The dragon ate a flying kick that was like a missile on its flank. Shockwaves spread to the surroundings and the armor of the three headed dragon distorted.

However——,

“It doesn’t go through!?”

If it was another magic weapon, that kick would have definitely pierced through the body, yet——.

It was as though there was no damage at all on the three headed dragon, the long neck turned and directed sharp fangs at Aine.

“Chih!”

Aine kicked the armor and took distance. She twisted in the air like a gymnastic athlete, landing beside Kizuna and Himekawa.

“My my, I never thought a movement like that will come from a magic armor.....I think my interest is tickled a little.”

Aldea acted as if she was watching a sport.

‘——Shit, that woman, she has a screw loose in her head!’

Kizuna cursed inside his heart.

“Kizuna, what is that magic weapon? My attack doesn’t work at all!”

Aine asked while still fixing her gaze on the magic weapon.

“All members retreat! Himekawa, can you stand!? We are pulling back!!”

But, when Himekawa stood up, she shook off Kizuna and once again she headed towards the three headed dragon.

“Wai-! Hayuru, what are you doing!”

Aine too was confused at Himekawa’s unusual action.

“UOOOOOOOOO-!”

Himekawa raised a war cry and slashed at the three headed dragon.

The three headed dragon's neck aimed at Himekawa.

She avoided the spouted off flame with a rough movement.

In the opening when the magic weapon was concentrating on attacking Himekawa, the Blades dashing in the sky surrounded the three headed dragon and aimed at the center neck.

And then the four Blades slashed all at once from four directions, pressing on the neck.

The movement of the three headed dragon stopped.

'——Got you!'

Kicking the ground, Himekawa's body danced.

Heading to the neck of the three headed dragon, she slashed down her Sword.

"TAAAAAAA!"

Together with a fierce metallic sound, her Sword was bounced back.

"Youu-!"

Over and over, she raised her Sword and struck.

"Youu-! Youu-! You! YOUUUUU!"

In her desperation of swinging down her sword, Himekawa didn't notice that a different neck was aiming at herself.

Flame was compressed brightly inside its mouth, it was going to spout it out.

"Himekawa! Run away-!"

The instant Kizuna yelled, golden light impacted the head of the three headed dragon.

“Yurishia!”

{What are you doing Hayuru! That’s too reckless! Kizuna, take her away quickly and withdraw! If she moves around like that, then I cannot even guarantee any covering fire here!}

Inside the window, Yurishia’s anger was exploding.

The Differential Frame fired a large caliber beam once more. Explosion also occurred at the remaining two necks. From that impact, the heads of the magic weapon were greatly repelled.

However, the neck that received the attack first was opening its mouth again.

“Himekawa-!”

Kizuna slipped between her and the dragon.

He instantly deployed Life Saver and blocked the flame of the three headed dragon.

“UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

Together with a fierce explosion, the Life Saver broke like glass.

Kizuna and Himekawa were blown away for tens of meters, they tumbled on the ground.

“Da, damn-”

What attack power.

The level was just too different with other magic weapon, whether in armor or weapon.

When Kizuna stood up, he took Himekawa's arm.

"Oi! Himekawa. Can you stand? We are leaving right away!"

Himekawa shook off Kizuna's arm in irritation.

"Release me! That thing, only that magic weapon, I'll kill it!"

'——Himekawa?'

A flame of madness was residing in her eyes.

The three headed dragon spread its wings largely. The wing's surface gradually shined radiantly, it looked like it was charging in some kind of energy.

It elongated its neck facing towards Kizuna and Himekawa, then it opened its mouth. Painful metallic sound was ringing in the surroundings. Inside the body of the three headed dragon, something mechanical was beginning to operate. That sound sounded like the roar of this magic weapon.

That flame would come again. Furthermore, this time the three heads were aiming at them at the same time.

'Damn it, no matter how low my Hybrid Count consumption rate is, there is still this thing called limit.'

The mouths of the three headed dragon were shining fiercely.

"Blade!"

With Life Saver in the front and Blades stood up behind it, the Blades served as a shield replacement. However, the Life Saver was smashed in an

instant, and each time the Blade received attack it was creaking. Moreover, the Hybrid Count was noticeably shrinking down.

“At this rate-.....there will be, no way left-!”

Bombardment of Differential Frame impacted the wings of the three headed dragon. The panel that was shining red visibly broke and scattered. In succession, golden flash also exploded at its flank.

The three headed dragon's body tilted.

However, that was all. The broken wing was regenerated in the blink of an eye. The enemy was far from destroyed.

Kizuna turned to Aine and yelled.

“Aine! We are collecting Himekawa!”

Before those words even ended, Aine dashed at Himekawa's position. She grasped the shoulder of Himekawa that was trying to go forward again.

“Hayuru, we are returning.”

“Release me! I have to, that thing, that magic weapon, I have to defeat it!”

“Himekawa!”

Kizuna grasped the opposite shoulder.

“We are pulling back. That is an order!”

“.....-!!”

Himekawa gritted her teeth audibly.

“.....Roger.”

“Yurishia! We are withdrawing from Guam from now. Give us covering fire!”

{Roger, leave it to me!}

While Yurishia was opening a full bombardment, the three escaped from the vicinity of the three headed dragon.

“My? Wait, what are you doing? Even though the best part is starting from here—!”

Ignoring Aldea’s voice, they fully ignited their thrusters and flew to the sky right away.

And then they headed to Ataraxia as fast as they could.

“Looks like they are not pursuing.”

Yurishia who readied her particle cannon and stayed alert to behind was murmuring.

Kizuna also looked back and stared at the shadow of the fading island. Certainly, there was no sign of Aldea or the magic weapon chasing them.

Kizuna breathed deeply in relief. He opened the communication window.

“This is Kizuna. We are returning to Ataraxia from now on.”

Looking at the gently swaying sea that was bathed in moonlight, the previous mortal battle seemed like a lie.

So that, was a land under the control of AU.....

Guam city that had become ruins.

A self proclaimed person of AU who introduced herself as Aldea.

AU Heart Hybrid Gear that was called magic armor.

Vatlantis Empire that ruled over half of AU.

And then a magic weapon they saw for the first time.

Anyways, there were many things they didn't understand.

However, talking about results, they might be able to consider this result.

They didn't understand the opponent, but they were coming home bringing information.

Next, they just needed to wait for the analysis of Kei and the others.

——But,

Kizuna was staring at Himekawa who was flying with her head looking down.

Did something happen with that magic weapon?

No matter how long he stared, he couldn't see inside Himekawa's heart.

Chapter 3 – Captured by the Curse of the Past

Part 1

On the wall of Nayuta Lab, the woman who introduced herself as Aldea was projected.

It was the video that Eros automatically recorded from just now. Inside the monitor, the woman who was smiling gently was emitting green light, equipping her Heart Hybrid Gear.

Looking at that image, Reiri spoke.

“So, this is the one who repelled Aine’s Corruption Armament in the previous battle.”

On the screen, the mysterious Heart Hybrid Gear who defended against Pulverizer was projected.

Kei typed letters on the console, and the content was projected on the monitor.

{There is no mistake. This is the same Heart Hybrid Gear. The human equipping it is also identical.}

Aldea that was reflected on the wall monitor deflected Blades with her shield. She thrust the hole that was twisted open in the wall, causing it to collapse.

{The details are unknown, but this spear and shields seem to possess the power to distort space.}

“Distorting, space?”

Kizuna faced Kei’s direction and asked.

{The moment that spear touched the building, the space around it distorted. That distortion tore the building, it even warped the Life Saver. Her shields basically use the same theory. The instant the Blades hit it, the space was distorted, repelling the attack.}

“Then, what about this tsunami of rubble?”

Kizuna pointed at the wall monitor.

When Aldea drew a line on the ground with her spear, the ground was slightly caved in that gradually turned bigger, then it descended forward like a surge.

{By distorting the space, she produced gravity. Using that power she moved mass and caused this kind of rubble tsunami, that’s my guess.}

What the hell is that?

Kizuna wasn’t quite feeling all this as being real. He could only understand this as something like a supernatural power.

Aine pouted her lips in dissatisfaction.

“That’s quite an absurd power. How cheeky.”

Yurishia separated her mouth from the cola bottle that she drank from.

“Even Aine’s Corruption Armament is quite something thoughh.”

Reiri was glaring at Aldea whose image was close-up.

“In addition, the name of this woman is Aldea.....and then she designated her Heart Hybrid Gear as Zeel, correct?”

“Yes. But, she didn’t call it Heart Hybrid Gear, but magic armor.”

Himekawa added.

“Then, the ones who came in contact with her were only Kizuna and Himekawa?”

“That’s rightt. I was only giving cover fire from afar, so I didn’t even get near to begin with.....ah, but Aine came near her weren’t you?”

“.....Yes. But, she kept talking about incomprehensible things, she couldn’t be talked with.”

“And then on the other side of the Entrance, namely the AU’s Vatlantis Empire.....huh.”

Reiri crossed her arms.

“Hey.....Nee-chan. Is this woman really a person of AU? Also, something like Vatlantis Empire in the AU, does it really exist I wonder?”

“Who knows. There is no way I know that.”

‘Well, that’s.....that’s true though.’

“Kei, show the image of the magic weapon.”

The image of the three headed dragon was projected on another wall surface.

{This is a magic weapon that was observed for the first time in this occasion. The terrifying thing is how it repelled all the attacks of Heart Hybrid Gear. The attacks fired from its mouths and wings destroyed even Life Saver. That ability far surpassed the category-A.}

“Above the A-rank huh.....”

{It will be categorized as category-Ultra provisionally. For its call sign, it will be tentatively named [Tri-Head(Three Headed Dragon)] based on its shape.}

“Commander! We should deploy once more right now.”

Himekawa raised a loud voice.

“Rejected.”

“Wha!?”

Reiri answered immediately.

“Why-!? Such a dangerous thing cannot be left alone! We should exterminate it right now with all of our force!”

Against Himekawa that even now was snapping with an extremely menacing look, there was no way Kizuna didn't feel uncomfortable.

Just what in the world was going on with Himekawa?

Since the moment she saw that Tri-Head, her state was strange.

{The spec of the enemy is unknown. At the very least, we understood that it is an extremely powerful enemy from the battle this time. It's reckless to challenge it for a rematch if we don't prepare some kind of countermeasure.}

Kei calmly expressed her judgment.

“What are you going to do with such weak attitude! You have seen the tragic state of Guam correct? That was the doing of that thing! If we left it alone, perhaps there will be a lot more people who will meet the same experience. Let's destroy it before that happens!”

Reiri's face scowled.

“What's wrong Himekawa? Aren't you snapping too much on this? Has something happened?”

"I, I don't mean that!!But..."

Reiri heaved a deep sigh.

"——Well, fine. Anyways, all members are to rest today. The countermeasure for Zeel, and also Tri-Head will be considered after this. Stand by until we contact you in due course. That's all!"

"Ple, please wait! Commander!"

Himekawa doggedly pleaded, but Reiri exited the room as if ignoring her.

Yurishia made a large yawn.

"Haaaa.....as expected I'm sleepy. I will quickly go home and sleep."

"I guess.....tomorrow there will be normal classes for us, how unbelievable."

The imagination of his futon was extremely lovely. He had to go back to the dormitory even for a second faster and sleep.

"If it's from here, then staying in a hotel is nearer you know? Hey, Kizuna. You won't stay with me?"

"Wha!?"

His eyes were awakened all of a sudden.

Staying together.....did she, mean it in that meaning?

"What are you saying? Staying outside is prohibited."

Aine nonchalantly answered.

"Rather than that, the direction of my room is nearer compared to Kizuna's room. It's fine for you to take a rest in my room you know?"

“No, it’s in the same dormitory right? Rather, it’s even on the same floor.”

“But, the distance is nearer to my room from the elevator.”

“Aah, certainly.....for just around five meters!”

While having that kind of exchange, Himekawa’s mouth was tightlipped as if thinking hard about something.

.....As expected, there was something. Tomorrow, let’s try asking again.

Kizuna thought of such thing while heading to the dormitory.

“So, why are you passing through my room I wonder?”

At the exclusive floor for Amaterasu, Aine asked Kizuna.

“No.....even if you asked me why, I’m just going to sleep.”

Aine’s face blushed red.

“Saying that you want to sleep right from the front like that, how could you say such thing with such a straight face. I wonder if this is what people called as a ‘thick face no shame’ face?” (TN: A Japanese phrase, though in English it only has a simple meaning of shameless)

“No.....thick face no shame actually doesn’t refer to face or anything.”

Aine’s fingers played with the tips of her hair lacking in composure.

“If I left you to wander by yourself, it looks like you are going to rape someone for each three steps.....well, we mustn’t let a criminal to come out from Amaterasu, so I, I think I have to do something about this?”

“.....If you want to do sleep-talking then do it while you sleep.”

The night operation. Encounter with a mysterious enemy. Battle with a category-Ultra. And then, the report meeting.

His body and heart were already at the limit.

“Then, good night. Managing your health is also part of battle. Quickly go to sleep.”

“Ah.....wa, wait a second. I’m thinking of analyzing the image of the enemy we met today. I’m thinking, isn’t it better for Kizuna to also watch it together with me?”

He absolutely wasn’t in the mood for that.

“Do it tomorrow, go to sleep quickly.”

Leaving those words behind, Kizuna returned to his own room.

“Fuuh—good grief, I’m home—”

Perhaps his tension slackened too much, but a greeting of homecoming came out from his mouth naturally even though there was no one. He quickly entered the bath after going home, so there was only sleep left.

He changed into his sleepwear and quickly slipped into his bed.

Aaahh, how warm.....somehow, there was a comfortable warmth, it mysteriously felt like human skin.

In addition, the texture of this futon was squishy and soft, he couldn’t say anything, a pleasant touching sensation was——,

“Wait, what the hell is thisssss!”

When he flipped up his futon, there was Sylvia sleeping soundly there.

Soft and fluffy blonde hair, and then the long eyelashes that were similarly blond. Coupled with her skin that was smooth like a baby's, she really looked like a sleeping angel.

"Sy, Sylvia! You, what are you doing in this kind of.....!"

When he shook her, Sylvia rubbed her eyes while raising up her body in totter.

"Funya? Ah, Captain—.....welcome, home, desu....."

"You.....you have been waiting for me all this time?"

"Yes.....Sylvia, cannot do anything desu. That's why, at least, when Captain returns home, I have to welcome him.....so."

Her head was swaying unsteadily left and right, her sleepy eyes looked like they were going to close even now.

"Really....."

Kizuna gently caressed Sylvia's head.

"It's fine for you to sleep already. Rest well."

Perhaps she was reassured from those words, Sylvia yawned and collapsed at Kizuna.

She leaned against Kizuna and began to have sleeper's breathing.

'Good grief.....should I sleep on the sofa——oh?'

Sylvia's hand was clutching at Kizuna's clothes tightly.

"Oi, Sylvia....."

When he saw how peacefully Sylvia was sleeping, he felt like it was too pitiful to wake her up.

Kizuna laid down just like that and covered Sylvia that was hugging him with the blanket.

Before he noticed it, Kizuna too began to breathe peacefully.

At that time, Aine was inside her own room.

The lighting of the room wasn't turned on, the turned on monitor became the light replacement.

And then, in that monitor, the video watched in the laboratory before this was projected.

The AU woman called Aldea.

And then the three headed dragon designated as Tri-Head.

Aine sat on the floor while hugging her knees.

Just why?

Her heart was astir.

Also, that strange poem, about the goddess or something.

The movie was played back until the end, then the screen became stand by.



She pushed the replay button.

The movie ended.

The replay button was pushed once more.

The movie ended.

This time it was replayed in repeat.

Unnoticed, the outside became bright.

Even so Aine repeated that video and continued to watch.

Part 2

“Well then, I will give you a new mission.”

The next day, Kizuna was summoned to the principal’s room.

“A mission.....what is it this time?”

“The enemy that appeared yesterday was one so powerful to the degree that we hadn’t encountered until now. To genuinely take an aggressive position against the AU from now on, we have to recognize that our power is still insufficient.”

Kizuna also felt that.

That Zeel, and then the Tri-head, even with the Heart Hybrid Gear he couldn’t do anything against them.

“And so, we decided to implement the method for powering up the Heart Hybrid Gear more efficiently based on the previous research that had progressed.”

“Eh!? Don’t tell me, such method really exists!?”

“There is. After analyzing the data until now in detail, the result of the research invented a ground-breaking method. The Heart Hybrid!”

Kizuna lost strength and fell to his knee.

“In the end that’s what you meant!!”

“Follow me.”

Reiri commanded with a tone that didn’t allow any protest.

Being told that strongly, Kizuna obeyed with a conditioned reflex. Surely that was the result of imprinting since he was a child.

There was no one in the corridor.

The time right now was still in the middle of the third hour of class. When he peeked into the class from the corridor’s window, students were sitting orderly receiving their lesson.

They exited from the school building and headed to the backyard.

There he could see a huge capsule thing without any windows and a smooth white outer wall.

“Nee-chan, what’s this?”

“This is a simulator from the previous research that made progress. By sending electric signals to the brain, it can manipulate the sense of sight, hearing, and touch. It’s possible to reproduce any kind of battlefield with this.”

“Heee…….”

“It was created with the assumption to be used for mock battle against magic weapons or infiltrating territory under enemy control. It was planned to be used as part of class but.....”

“Isn’t that amazing! Then we can even have a mock battle against that category-Ultra and that Heart Hybrid Gear Zeel! This is the victory of technology huh.”

“No, that’s impossible.”

“Why!?”

“A major software update was performed to it. Try to enter inside.”

Reiri touched the sensor that was on the side of the hatch. The hatch opened and Reiri entered inside. Kizuna too continued after her, then the hatch closed behind him.

The inside of the room was pitch black.

“O, oi, Nee-chan. I cannot see anything here?”

“Don’t get flustered. I’m activating it soon.”

Activate?

Flickering light ran in front of him, the inside of the room turned bright.

“Wha.....!?”

Kizuna became aware of the place he was in and got taken aback.

After all, that room was——,

“This is our house! The one in Megafloat Tokyo! Eeh? How?”

“Aah, how nostalgic.”

‘Certainly, since Nee-chan enrolled into Ataraxia she was living in the dormitory. I lived here until just a short time ago but.....hm?’

A noise ran in front of him.

Somehow it was like the sight inside his eyeball was disturbed, it was a strange sensation.

Suddenly the scenery in front of his eyes changed.

“Eh? Evening? No wait, a beach!?”

Both of their shadows were stretching out on the long continuing beach that was wrapped in orange light. The sound of waves washing ashore and the smell of salt water stimulating the nose whispered to him that the sea spreading before his eyes was a real thing. Kizuna and Reiri were bathed in the evening sun while facing a beach.

“This is the simulator’s function to set the situation.”

Reiri operated the transparent console floating before her.

In an instant, the beach changed into a hotel room with a beautiful night view.

“Not only scenery, the clothes can also be changed.”

“Eh.....uwaa.”

Kizuna’s uniform was changing into the appearance of a commander in the warring period. Also it was not a real armor, but a light design that came out in games which looked strangely modern.

‘Is this.....Nee-chan’s hobby?’

When he ascertained it with his hand, the feeling of touch of the armor and kimono was obviously different from his uniform.

“Amazing.....even the touching sensation is like the real thing.”

“Originally this was a function to simulate combat equipment though. The feel of the equipment and its weight are also reproduced. Using this, even a human without a Core should be able to practice Heart Hybrid Gear for real. But right now that role is succeeded by the Technical Gear.”

“No, it’s really awesome.....but, why is it not used? Isn’t it properly functioning?”

“The combat data is almost completely erased, and a different data was installed in exchange. Besides, there is also a need to change the equipment of this room. No matter how great it can trick the senses, it will be troubling if there is no bed and shower room.”

——Bed?

“Right now, all sorts of date spots and hotels combined with hobby preferences, in total 108 situations have been prepared. As for equipment, in total, three thousand data of accessories and tools, western clothes, etc., all has been registered.”

“I don’t think it’s possible.....frankly, it’s scary to ask but, I’ll dare to ask. Those data, what are they for?”

“Of course, for the sake of the Heart Hybrid between you and those lasses. A data simulator in order to stir up the feeling and to do erotic things.”

Kizuna’s consciousness became far away.

“This much advanced technology.....this kind of device, what kind of demonic remodeling has been done to it.....”

“Even if I say so myself, this is quite a resolute judgment I have made.”

“Isn’t this idiotic!?”

He reflexively yelled.

“Kizuna, those Zeel and Tri-Head are formidable enemies. We won’t be victorious with superficial methods.”

“There is no connection between this and that at all!”

“In order to win against those guys, we too have to gain even greater strength. For that sake, it’s indispensable to be more effective and efficient in Heart Hybrid. However, how to actually realize that? Kizuna, do you understand?”

“No, I don’t understand.....though...”

“Heart Hybrid is making the heart and body of a male and female into one, sharing their affection and pleasure with each other. To produce the greatest result, is nothing more than making the affection and pleasure even greater. Then, how to actually do it?”

Kizuna didn’t try to answer.

“To do that, first you have to deepen your relationship of trust with your partner. And then, by doing acts that match the sexual disposition of your partner, it heightens the mental pleasure and excitement. By stimulating the erogenous zone efficiently, you inflict strong physical pleasure.”

‘.....What is this person saying with a serious face like that?’

“This facility is for that sake. Be aware of your partner’s wish and fulfill it with this. And that is not only about Heart Hybrid just so you know. A man that can do that is able in his job, and also popular with woman.”

Now that he was told that, he couldn't just ignore it.....however.....

“This facility is an equipment to surpass time and space. Furthermore, it can put on any kind of clothes towards the other party. It's possible with this to look for your partner's fetish and heighten their excitement efficiently.”

When Reiri waved her hand, the console moved in a slide in front of Kizuna.

The control was simple, but there were so many options. Furthermore, it seemed that extremely detailed customization was possible.

“There is an amazing variety here.....wait, what's with these clothes?”

Sailor uniform, nurse, race queen, etc., rather than calling them clothes, it's more accurate to call them costumes. Not only outer garments, there were also a lot of underwear and accessories.

“This toy category is too ominous.....ah”

He didn't intend to choose, but his finger tapped the console accidentally. Thereupon, the scenery in front of his eyes changed suddenly.

“This place.....?”

It was the main street downtown. Passerby was normally passing through.

“Kizuna. So this is your preference?”

“Eh? Uwaaa!?”

Hida Reiri in bunny girl appearance, was standing there.

“I don't know at all, that you were looking at me with that kind of eyes.”

GYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

“You, you're wro-.....!!”

Even while getting flustered, that body was properly burned into his eyes. Protruding long ears that went *pyon*. Butterfly necktie and white collar. The long and slender legs were wrapped in black stockings, and black bunny suit that clung tightly on the body.

Normally it was hidden by the military uniform, but it was a magnificent figure that was not outdone even by Yurishia and Aine.

“This is the first time I test it on myself, but what an interesting thing.”

Reiri twirled on the spot. Her long black hair drew a circle in its flutter. Her ass that was greatly exposed had a cute white round tail attached. She tightly pushed out her hips and stopped her rotation. Her breasts that were more than half exposed shook flexibly.

She brushed up her hair and stared at Kizuna with smoldering eyes.

“Fufufu, how is it? I too am not someone that can be overlooked right?”



What an unimaginable appearance for the person who reigned on the top of Ataraxia! If the students and the big shots of Ataraxia saw this, they would faint for sure!

“Wha-, what kind of appearance is that, wear something quickly!”

“Aren’t you the one putting this on me.....well, something like that is trivial. Listen, this is something in order to realize the greatest recovery of Hybrid Count in the shortest time possible by setting the situation to match your partner’s fetish.....are you listening properly?”

“Ye.....yeah! I’m listening!”

‘Nee-chan’s bunny girl appearance is just too unusual, that I unconsciously gazed at it. Nee-chan has high position, and she is always in the side that gives orders, someone who no one can oppose. That kind person, right now has become a mere showpiece.’

This was the terrifying power of bunny suit!!

“The result from inspecting the Heart Hybrid until now, we understand that the higher the excitement when the Heart Hybrid is happening, the better the quality of the Hybrid Count recovered. Certainly, it’s possible to cause Heart Hybrid even with soft contact. However, there is great difference in the energy obtained.”

“Good quality?What’s that mean?”

When Reiri crossed her arms, her breasts were lifted by her arms. Not just her breasts became increasingly emphasized, it was like the tips would become visible, it made his heart throb fast.

“Even cars can be filled with regular gasoline and high octane gasoline right? Even if you fill a car that exclusively uses high octane with regular

gasoline, it won't be able to show its true performance. Heart Hybrid Gear is the same. With better quality of Hybrid Count, its power and performance, every point will have their specs raised."

"Is.....is that so?"

'Shit, I got strangely conscious of it like this. By any chance, do I actually like bunny girl?'

"What's wrong? Is your condition bad?"

The bunny Reiri peeked into Kizuna's face and touched her forehead on his.

"Doesn't seem like a fever."

Kizuna's view was fully filled with Reiri's close-up.

'Uwa! Near! Moreover, the breasts pressing are strangely soft, Nee-chan's, breas——.'

"I, I-I-I'm fine-!"

He separated from Reiri in panic.

"Is that so? Anyway, use this facility and try out a Heart Hybrid here. First we want to confirm how much effective this will be. Is it okay?"

"Ma'am, yes Ma'am!!"

He unconsciously okayed it.

When the system returned to its default state, Kizuna returned to his previous uniform. And then the scenery of the downtown became a pure white bland room with only one bed conspicuously put inside.

"Nevertheless, making this kind of facility inside the school of all places.....isn't it morally problematic?"

After his sister left, Kizuna laid on his side alone on the bed. He was staring at the Amaterasu's Hybrid Count displayed on his smartphone monitor.

"First, who should I test this on....."

Kizuna pressed on the icon and made a call.

"——So, I wonder what business do you have with mee?"

Yurishia arrived with a strangely lively attitude.

"I'm wondering if you can give me help in confirming the functions of a new simulator."

"What, it's for something like that? I don't particularly mind but.....this room is something like that?"

Making a slightly regretful face, Yurishia looked around the inside of the room.

"Yeah. It seems that this is a facility where we can do Heart Hybrid even more efficiently."

Yurishia's eyes flashed.

"You, you meann.....doing that, with me, right here?"

"We, well, see it for yourself for a bit."

Kizuna operated the console floating in the air. Thereupon, the white room changed into the scenery of a plateau. Green meadows and lake, and then mountain ridges covered in snow at afar were stretching before their eyes.

"Eh? Wha, what's this!?"

Yurishia showed a similar reaction with Kizuna before this.

The problem was, what kind of situation would make Yurishia the most excited.

From plateau to beach resort area, to a hotel room, he changed the scenery repeatedly.

“Heee, this is amazingg! It’s like teleporting instantly many times over! What kind of places are there aside from this?”

“Yeah.....let’s see it in turns. That, something——”

——If you have a situation that can make you excited, tell me.

There was no way he could ask that.....what should he do now?

A high class hotel room was projected. From the window, they could see the night scenery with stars scattered in the sky.

Yurishia’s eyes were narrowed ecstatically.

“Isn’t it lovelyy.....eh?”

However next a suspicious room appeared in front of her eyes.

There were red lighting and iron bars. Chains attached with shackles for arm and leg were put on the wall, then a stand in X-shape for crucifixion. And then things like a chair with restraint, furniture that normally couldn’t be witnessed were lined up.

Was this, that thing? The so called SM playroom thing?

As expected this was off putting.

“Hahaha, it looks like a hotel series. I don’t think that there will be something like thi-.....”

Yurishia's mouth was half-opened while staring around the inside of the room, it was as if her heart was stolen.

——Yurishia?

Her cheeks were colored, her breath was rough.

“Is something wrong? Yurishia.”

“Hiee-!? No-, nothing's wrong-“

Yurishia answered oddly in fluster.

“Ge, geez-, what's with this room. It's a vulgar and perverted thing. Please turn it into the previous hotel with the night view!”

“My bad. I'll change it back immediately.”

Saying that, Kizuna operated the console in panic.

However, Yurishia's state just now attracted his attention.

“Uwaa, it really looks like a hotel! He, hey Kizuna, I wonder where is this night scenery taken?”

The behavior of Yurishia right now also felt awkward somehow.....

‘Don't tell me Yurishia is-!? No, as expected there is no way——.’

But, if they only did Heart Hybrid like this, then he had the feeling in the end there would be nothing different with everything until now. This was a facility prepared with great difficulty by his sister, going as far as crushing a combat simulator for this. He had to use it effectively.

Then, boldly——,

“Hey Kizu——naaa-!?”

Yurishia's voice broke into falsetto.

That was understandable.

In an instant, Yurishia's uniform was changed into a black bondage costume.

"Wha.....wha....."

It was a costume composed from corset and belt with high exposure rate. The enamel's black material reflected the lighting, making her allure even more conspicuous. The costume didn't dig into her skin, it was like the costume was custom ordered to perfectly fit Yurishia's voluptuous body.

"Wa, wait Kizuna! Wha, what's the meaning of this?"

Yurishia hugged herself to hide her body. However, doing that was unable to hide Yurishia's body. Her pressed breast jutted out from between her arms.

"Sorry. Looks like some kind of system error put that on you by itself."

"Wha——"

Yurishia showed a face like the world had ended.

"No way! Do something!"

"It's okay. If we wait a little, I think it's going to be fixed soon."

"Re.....really? It's really okay right?"

"Yeah, that's why until then please be patient for a while."

"Is that so.....I understand. But——"

Yurishia twisted her body in embarrassment. And then, after she glanced at her own figure that was reflected in the mirror, her face was turning red.

Her blonde hair and white skin really looked attractive with the black enamel that shined in luster.

“Yurishia, do you hate that kind of clothes?”

“Eh! Ye, yes.....obviously.”

The eyes of Yurishia who was answering like that were swimming around. Different from the usual confident Yurishia, she looked anxious with fear. And then, being embarrassed like this without any place to escape, her body was shivering unable to calm down, she sent a helpless gaze to Kizuna.

‘——Wha, what the? She is strangely cute!?’

“Do, don’t, look at me. It’s embarrassing.”

“Sorry. But.....it really suites you.”

“——!! Eve, even if you told me that, I, I’m not happy or anything.....”

Yurishia felt Kizuna’s gaze.

‘I, it feels like, I’m conscious of Kizuza’s gaze stronger than usual....as though, he is licking all over my body.

He is looking, at this appearance of mine.....I wonder if Kizuna is also excited?’

“Aa.....”

When she imagined that, a deep sigh naturally leaked out from her mouth.

Her heart was throbbing fast.

“Hey, Kizuna.....looking at me wearing this kind of clothes.....makes you happy?”

Yurishia looked up at him with damp eyes.

“Tha, that’s.....I think that it’s a little abnormal, but when Yurishia is the one wearing it, that, it’s extremely.....”

Kizuna averted his eyes with a red face.

Looking at Kizuna’s shy reaction, a little composure was born inside Yurishia’s heart.

‘I’m also throbbing hard but, even Kizuna is also the same isn’t he.....

That’s right. Even the time before, Kizuna also got all flustered looking at my swimsuit appearance.

.....Really, since when can my heart get this painful because of Kizuna, I wonder.

Somehow, it’s a little irritating.

I’m the dominant one here. Get a hold of yourself, Yurishia Farandole.’

Her original personality that hated to lose drove Yurishia into a strange direction.

“And thenn, Kizunaa, just what are you planning, making me wear something like this?”

She approached Kizuna while swaying her hips.

And then her finger which was wrapped in a long glove that reached above her elbow was poking at Kizuna’s chest.

“Wha, what you ask.....that’s.....!”

Yurishia twirled and turned her back on him, she was walking towards the window. Looking at her figure from behind, Kizuna gulped his saliva. The

exposure rate of her behind was also amazing. Her back was largely opened, a fabric that was like a string was digging into the crack of her ass, almost all was bared open.

Her figure in swimsuit that he saw at the sea was amazing, but it was incomparable with this.

Her white and large ass was shaking up and down each time she walked.

It was glossy without a single stain. It was giving off the impression of delicious fruit heavily drooping from the ripeness.

‘——Kizuna is looking at my ass.’

Yurishia sensitively felt the gaze of Kizuna.

Herself that was wearing this perverted costume was seen by Kizuna.

Thinking like that, the inside of Yurishia’s body was becoming heated.

Along with that, golden light danced from Yurishia’s body like sparkles.

Looking at that radiance, Kizuna was shocked.

‘——The sign of Heart Hybrid? How, even though I haven’t even touched her!?’

When Yurishia had walked until the large window that stretched up from the floor until the ceiling, she turned back at Kizuna. Matching that motion, her breast shook with a momentum as if it would be forced out from the bondage costume.

The light shining in from the window into this dim room was depicting a shadow on Yurishia’s body.

Yurishia who was turning her back on the night scenery looked like a bewitching witch floating on the sea of jewels.

It was as though Kizuna was ensnared by magic, he started walking unsteadily towards Yurishia.

Perhaps Yurishia was also getting excited, her skin was dyed in faint pink, she was slightly sweating.

Yurishia caressed her hands from her ass to her waist, then to her breast, as if to ascertain her own body line.

——Want to touch?

It was like she was inviting Kizuna for that.

When Kizuna slowly held out his hand, that hand was lightly struck down.

“Eh?”

“Noo good. You still have to wait★”

Just like usual, Yurishia sent him a heavy wink.

On the contrary, Yurishia’s hand was crawling around Kizuna’s body.

She was taking off the button of Kizuna’s uniform.

“Yu, Yurishia?”

Yurishia’s slender fingers slipped in through the gaps of the shirt.

“Eh? Wai-, what are-.....!”

Yurishia began to grope at Kizuna’s chest.

“Fufuu, before this you touched my breast, so this is the payment for that♡”

“Wh, wha-?”

Yurishia tickled the tips of Kizuna's chest.

"How is it? I wonder if boys also feel it?"

Yurishia's finger tips were moving up and down as if flicking off Kizuna's chest.

"Wa, wait, something like this——"

Kizuna's consciousness was concentrated on his chest. A shuddering sensation ran through from his chest to his body.

'——Kuh! Like this our position is reversed.'

"Ufufu, as I thought you are feeling it. Then, show me an even better face okay?"

Kizuna's shirt buttons were unbuttoned until the bottom, then his undershirt was flipped up.

Looking at Kizuna's chest, Yurishia narrowed her eyes happily.

It was a sturdy chest with faint muscle outlined. That chest was feeling Yurishia's finger tips sensitively.

'No way, this is cute somehow.....'

Yurishia stretched out her pink tongue a little and licked at the tip of Kizuna's chest.

"Uwaaa!?"

Kizuna felt a sensation he had never experienced before.

He felt sweet itchiness from the tips of his chest.

"Have you, ever done something like this?"

“The, there is-, no way I’ve ever done this!”

Yurishia smiled in triumph of victory.

“I see♪ So I’ll receive Kizuna’s first then?”

“Stop saying that in a strange way!”

“Even if you have sucked before, you have never been sucked until now correct?”

Suddenly, he recalled the Heart Hybrid with Aine.

“_____”

He gulped his saliva audibly and stiffened.

“Kizuna?”

“Eh-? N, no, something like sucking, how could that——”

Yurishia showed a doubting expression.

“You should have done it with your mama’s breast.....”

While talking, Yurishia’s eyes were turning dangerous.

“Kizuna.....who have you done it with?”

‘Uwaa! Her gaze is scaryyyy!’

“Hayuru? Or maybe Aine?”

“E, err—rr.....”

Being taken aback, his hand accidentally touched the console floating on the air.

“Wai-, wait? What is this!?”

Yurishia's both hands were shackled, her eyes were also wrapped with blindfold. Both restraints were made from soft leather, so her body was being restrained without her feeling pain.

"Ki-, Kizuna? You're unfair! Whe, where are you-!?"

"My, my bad! This is really just a coincidence. My hand grazed the console....."

"It's fine already, release it quickly!"

Yurishia was angry, no, rather she looked more like scared.

Her impression was completely opposite of the Yurishia who was like a queen just now.

"Yurishia....."

Kizuna approached Yurishia.

Feeling his presence, Yurishia's shoulder twitched in surprise.

She didn't know what would be done to her or even resisted. It seemed that she was scared of that. Yurishia who was the world strongest ace that feared nothing was shivering from his every little action.

However, simultaneously Yurishia's face was blushing, her breathing was turning ragged.

From all the happenings until now, Kizuna felt something that was near conviction.

'——By any chance, is Yurishia liking SM?'

Since she wore this costume, signs of Heart Hybrid immediately appeared. In addition, when she was acting like a queen too, and now that she was

acting like a scared little animal too, whichever it was she looked like she was getting excited.

There was no doubt. Then, what was left was——,

{By doing acts that match the sexual disposition of your partner, it heightens the mental pleasure and excitement. By stimulating the erogenous zone efficiently, you inflict strong physical pleasure.}

And so he was told, where was this erogenous zone?

‘.....Hm?

Breast and ass.....I don’t have any other idea except those places.

Wha, what should I do?

Wait, there is no point to hesitate. Then, first is——,’

“aAAAn-!”

‘So-! Softtt!’

Kizuna crawled his hand through Yurishia’s ass.

‘Wha, what’s with this sensation! Is this really human body? It’s like the softness of fresh snow, really spongy.’

“Wai, Ki, Kizuna-? Where are you touching!?”

When he grasped the ass, his finger felt like it was sinking without end. And then, from between his grasping fingers, the meat of the ass was spilling out.

‘Amazing. Touching it feels really good. No matter how much I’m rub it, I won’t get tired of it.’

“Aa-, ah, aaa, fuAaaAAnn-“

Yurishia was desperately trying to escape from Kizuna's loving caress by twisting her body. However with both her hands restrained she couldn't move her body satisfactorily, she also didn't understand Kizuna's position due to the blindfold. On the contrary, it was like she was just shaking that large ass in front of Kizuna's eyes.

And then golden light began to scatter from Yurishia's body.

'The Hybrid Heart is beginning already? Or maybe, does this mean that Yurishia's erogenous zone is her ass?

No, but if thinking about Yurishia's number one, then as I thought, it's——,'
Kizuna dropped his gaze.

'——surely her giant breasts.'

"Yurishia, about the chest area of your clothes"

While breathing raggedly, Yurishia was turning her face to the direction where Kizuna's voice came.

"It's almost come off."

"Eh....."

"Is it okay, for me to just take it off?"

In other words, he was telling her to expose her raw breasts without anything hiding it in front of Kizuna.

Yurishia's lips were trembling for a while, then before long she nodded shortly.

Kizuna reached out his hand at Yurishia's breast, he took off her buttons one by one, unbuttoning them. Each time he did that, Yurishia's body was jumping twitchingly.

"I'm taking it off."

Kizuna's hand took away the bondage's chest cloth.

The breast which was freed from the restrain spilled out from the bondage suit as if they were jumping.

".....-!?"

They jumped jigglingly, the vibration of the repeated shaking up and down absorbed his gaze.

Without anything obstructing his gaze, Yurishia's breasts were exposed in front of Kizuna.

'——Hu, huge.'

He understood that it was big even from above the clothes. But, looking at Yurishia's breast raw like this in contact with the air, he realized that what he had seen until now was not everything.

Even without underwear, the breast was going against gravity, maintaining their magnificent shape slightly pointing above, it was far larger than even Aine, that color and shape were manifesting beauty and lewdness that couldn't be compared with anything.

The protrusion that stuck out from the white skin was drawing pink colored gradation.

From the breast that became exposed, sweet fragrance was gently drifting, tickling at Kizuna's nose.

“Aaa.....”

Yurishia felt Kizuna’s passionate gaze on those tips.

Exactly because her sight was blocked that her feeling became sensitive, her power of imagination was also swelling.

It further instigated Yurishia’s excitement, from the depths of her body, hot liquid was seeping out. And then, golden light was rising up from the surface of her body.

Kizuna’s hand touched Yurishia’s raw breast.

“HyaAAun!”

When his finger tips slightly grazed the hill of her breast, Yurishia’s body convulsed twitchingly.

Similar with her ass, this one was also very soft. When he put a little strength to his finger, his finger made a large depression on her breast.

Kizuna spread his hands and rubbed Yurishia’s breast as if he was lifting them up.

“No-, AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!”

‘——Wha, what? Is this!?’

The sensation information of her breast rubbed by other people, furthermore by a man was beyond her imagination. Against the sensation that was obviously different when she was touching herself, the processing ability of Yurishia’s brain exceeded the limits in the blink of an eye.

Yurishia was unable to endure the pleasure and shook her head discomposedly. Each time she did that, her hair elegantly spread out while scattering golden particles.

“Do you feel good, Yurishia?”

“It, it feels goo-.....ood-, aaah!”

Knitting her eyebrows, she was making an anguished expression under the blindfold. She raised her breathing, her lips were opened as if seeking oxygen with her tongue stretched out.



Kizuna's palm felt something hard stiffening. That thing was gradually hardening and growing bigger.

".....Yurishia."

Kizuna took off Yurishia's blindfold.

".....?"

The face of Yurishia that was melting in ecstasy appeared under it. Tears were gathering in the corners of her eyes.

'Haa—, haa—,' She was just wringing out suffocated breathing sound without letting out any voice.

Her expression looked as if she was asking him in anxiety 'what are you going to do?'

Kizuna separated his hand from Yurishia. Her breast shook bouncingly because the strength holding it was gone.

"Eh, Kizu.....na?"

'Why did you stop?' Eyes that looked blaming were staring at Kizuna.

"Don't worry, Yurishia."

"Eh!?"

That instant, Kizuna's fingers pinched at the pink tips shining on Yurishia's breast.

"——hii!?"

Yurishia showed a face that looked like she was going to cry,

Kizuna put more strength, as if he was trying to press tightly.

“~~!!”

And then he pulled as if to twist the whole breast.

“Aah, a, AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

At the same time with the scream surging out from Yurishia’s mouth, golden light exploded out from her body. And then, pink radiance was also ejected from Kizuna’s body.

Those radiances became a vortex of two colored light that was enveloping their body.

——That was the moment where Heart Hybrid succeeded.

And then after that he confirmed the vital sign of Yurishia on his smartphone.

Yurishia’s Hybrid Count was splendidly charged to full.

For the time being, he considered that Yurishia’s play preference was something like SM with her breasts as her erogenous zone.

This time it was more than enough to put a costume on Yurishia, but he had to make Yurishia even more excited in the Heart Hybrid of next time.

‘——Well, first is one person.’

There were two more girls before he completed his mission.

Part 3

After school, Kizuna was heading to the student guidance room.

Due to the Heart Hybrid with Yurishia, he was able to confirm the result of the aforementioned simulator.

However thinking about Himekawa's preference, what could it possibly be?

He had the feeling that his distance with her had been greatly shortened by helping out with the work of the public morals committee. If he could understand Himekawa's preference well, then their Heart Hybrid might go well.

When he opened the door and entered the student guidance room, there was Himekawa standing near the window in the light of the evening sun.

"Sorry I'm late. I was called by the teacher a little. Today where are we going to do the crackdown——"

"Hida-kun!"

She pressed on him in one go.

"Waa, wha, what! What's wrong?"

"What do you think!?"

'Hee!? Wha, what!? Is it about, Himekawa?'

"No, that, I think you are beautiful, you also have a serious personality....."

".....What are you talking about?"

"Eh? Isn't this about you Himekawa?"

Himekawa's face turned flaring red.

“Wha-, ple, please don’t say something stupid! I, I’m beautiful or something is.....wait, this is not that kind of talk! This is about that category-Ultra! Just how long are we going to wait until the decision to attack Guam again will come out!?”

“Ah! Tha, that’s what you are talking about. No, I also don’t know anything about that.”

‘This is bad, I completely made an embarrassing mistake. I wonder if Himekawa is thinking I’m strange now.’

Himekawa kept prattling on and on with her face still red.

“Since then, we have been on stand by all this time. I’ve already reached the limits of my patience. Let’s go to the commander right now to express our opinion!”

‘——That’s.....,

Frankly speaking, as long as Nee-chan doesn’t give the order, I don’t think that a permission to sortie will come out.’

Besides, he didn’t feel the necessity to once again attack Guam in such a hurry.

In a certain meaning, he could even say that the information they collected about AU from their infiltration of the enemy territory had produced unexpected results.

Rather, he didn’t understand just why Himekawa was being this impatient.

Having his resistance cut down by Himekawa, Kizuna headed together with her towards the principal’s room. However——,

“Rejected.”

Reiri settled it all with a single word.

“Just why!? Even though there is an enemy right in front of our eyes, why——”

“There is no prospect of victory.”

“.....Kuh!”

Reiri’s answer was simple. With that Himekawa was thrust with a fact that was hard for her to approve.

“Bu, but, we cannot leave them alone just because of that!”

“What can we do other than leaving them alone? What, are you planning to go there without any countermeasure?”

“Of course, to defeat the enemy! Isn’t that right, Hida-kun?”

Himekawa looked for agreement from Kizuna.

Naturally, you are my ally——she was making a face that was thinking so.

“Tha, that’s.....”

“Hida-kun? What’s wrong? Let’s fight together!”

‘——.

That’s impossible.’

“That’s impossible, Himekawa.”

“.....Eh?”

Himekawa’s smile froze.

“Even if we go now, we will lose again.”

“Tha, that’s.....”

Himekawa’s complexion was turning pale rapidly.

“The difference in battle strength with the enemy is obvious. Until we find a method to overturn that, it’s better to not force ourselves to challenge them again. Even if we go now, it will only make everyone meet danger.”

“Are you.....scared.....”

Himekawa stepped back from Kizuna.

“No! I——”

“.....I was convinced that, you understood me.....what a great misunderstanding I’ve made.”

“Please wait! We cannot go right now, we should——”

“I misjudged you!!”

Himekawa rushed out from the principal’s room.

“Himekawa!!”

Kizuna also chased after Himekawa and wasted no time to exit to the corridor. However, he could only see the figures of teaching staff coming and going, he couldn’t find Himekawa’s figure anywhere.

Part 4

‘——Aah! Geez, how infuriating!’

Himekawa that sneaked out from Ataraxia was flying alone above the sea.

‘Whether it’s him or anyone, no one is reliable. As I thought, I can only do it myself.

I will defeat the category-Ultra.’

But, what if the enemy magic armor came out?

‘At that time, I’ll defeat Aldea first. That’s all.’

Before long Himekawa arrived at the sky above Guam.

‘——I wonder where they are?’

Himekawa materialized floating windows around her body.

If there was a magic weapon, then the sensor should detect it.

‘.....Looks like they are not here.

Was it pulled back to the Entrance?’

At that time, a certain sensor was shining red.

It was not magic weapon. This reaction was.....Heart Hybrid Gear!?

“My my, you came alone? This is a surprise.”

“.....So you show yourself!!”

Wearing the green colored magic armor Zeel, Aldea was floating on the air. She was brimming with a gentle smile.

The reaction displayed on Himekawa’s sensor unmistakably came from a Heart Hybrid Gear. But this meant that magic armor and Heart Hybrid Gear were the same thing.

“I’m happy that you come to meet me. Let’s pass an enjoyable time? I wonder if it’s better to have a talk, or is it better to kill each other?”

Himekawa immediately drew out the Sword on her waist.

“My, so you are wishing for killing each other then.”

The moment Aldea said that, her shields detached and lined up in the air. One among them was shining brightly, changing its shape into a spear. Aldea’s hand grasped that spear.

“I too come out here by my own decision.....so if I don’t at least bring home a Core, I will get scolded. I will have the Cores of you and your comrades to bring back home.”

“Blade!!”

From Himekawa’s back, large swords were flying out. They cut through the sky and aimed at Aldea.

“I know that those shields boasted iron wall protection. But!”

‘——I just need to avoid the shields, and attack directly!’

Himekawa imagined the trajectory of the Blades.

The Blades changed their trajectory as if reading Himekawa’s heart, they circled around Aldea with acrobatic motions as if toying with her.

And then, they assaulted all at once from four directions.

Together with a brilliant flash, four shields blocked the attack of the Blades. Even now the Blades were trying to push back by raising their output, but the shields were also pushing back. During that time fierce sparks scattered.

The thruster of Neros ignited and Himekawa’s body sailed out in a straight line.

‘——Even if those shields blocked the Blades, this Sword will cut you apart!’

“TEYAAAAA-!”

The Sword was swung down on Aldea.

Fierce light surged out like lightning.

Before Aldea’s eyes, the remaining single shield blocked the attack of Sword.

“Kuh.....as expected from the shield that blocked Pulverizer’s attack. However!”

Himekawa pressed on with Sword.

The figure of Aldea on the other side of the fiercely shining shield was changed completely with just now. Because she was using her magic armor as shields, right now her appearance was mostly only her flesh body.

‘——Right here, if I can just deal a slash at her.....I’ll win!’

“Prepare yourself! After defeating you, the next one will be that Tri-Head!!”

“As expected from Neros. I cannot underestimate you.....but...”

“This is!?”

Suddenly, the Sword bended.

The shield blocking Sword was also similarly greatly warped. From the gap, Aldea’s smiling face could be peeked.

“!!”

The spear grasped in that hand was stabbed on her own shield, distorting the space together with the Sword. The spear stretched out straight, brushing aside the shield and Sword.

“No——”

The tip was stabbed at Himekawa's chest.

Similar with the previous battle, it was like the inside of her chest was taken right from the root, a strange sensation. And then in the next instant, her body was blown away as if she was pulled behind.

“Gah, GAHAAaAAA-!”

After being blown away for about two hundred meters, she finally could stop herself. She pressed on her chest and felt a relieve that her own flesh was still there.

——However, what if it was stabbed into her just a little deeper?

She recalled the destroyed building before this. What if she met the same fate like that?

A shiver ran through Himekawa's whole body.

“It's fine to kill you, but this is a rare chance so let's enjoy it dramatically. I'll collect the other Cores while I'm at it.”

When Aldea who was soaked in joy spread her hands, the spear returned to its original shield shape.

And then, behind and front, left right above below, six shields were surrounding Himekawa.

“Wha.....?”

Looking from this close, the shield's structure was like four layer piled up together. Those layers were unfolding one by one with the circle shape attached on the top of the shield as the axis, transforming into a X-shape. The next instant, each of the top was linked at each other with light, then they began to radiate green light.

“——This is.....-”

Himekawa became locked inside a cube of light. Each surface was possessing X-shaped frame, it was a cage of light. Nervousness ran through Himekawa's body.

Suddenly, the space inside the cube distorted.

“KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

The distortion wringed Himekawa with fierce impact and pressure.

‘Kuh! Thi, this is.....I'm imprisoned!?’

Something like this, I'll destroy it from inside with Blade.....!’

However, the Blades that should be moving obeying her will couldn't be controlled.

“Wh.....why is this!?”

Himekawa intended to launch them in a straight line, but the Blades were just rolling in place, they couldn't get out from this cube. It was as if they were imprisoned by an unseen power.

‘——Then, with Sword!!’

Himekawa put all the strength in her body to swing down the Sword, but it wouldn't move just like she wanted.

‘——Wh, why?’

Neros’s output was clearly dropping down. Himekawa confirmed the status of Neros in panic.

Her Hybrid Count.....was already none?

The gauge was already in red zone, the remaining amount had become only 5%.

‘No way! This, this, kind of thing.’

Himekawa’s consciousness was becoming distant.

‘No, no good, it’s painful.....my awareness, cannot hol——.’

Her blurred sight could see the figure of Aldea nearby.

“Ufufufu, you are now in the role of the captured heroine you know? Act your role properly okay?”

‘No good.....I can’t move, even a single finger already.

I want.....

Hybrid Count.

——Hida-kun.’

Himekawa’s consciousness sunk deeply into the darkness.

Chapter 4 – Peerless Rupture

Part 1

“Himekawa is the enemy’s captive!?”

Kizuna doubted his ears.

However, Reiri’s face was really serious and in no way was telling a joke.

“Himekawa was captured by the enemy. Currently she is under the AU’s grasp and become a hostage.”

He didn’t understand the meaning of this.

“.....Hostage, you say?”

Kizuna repeated that word dumbfoundedly.

Yurishia leaned her body forward, making her large breasts shake.

“Wait a second, Commander? What kind of metaphor is that?”

“The meaning is exactly as you heard. Above Guam, Himekawa is being restrained on the enemy’s aircraft carrier.”

All members lost their words.

{Look at this.}

A floating window was opened, Kei’s text and a video was played there.

It was the aircraft carrier of AU.

Perhaps the picture was shot from the air, the blur of the picture was considerable. It was quiet a far off image, but they could confirm the one thousand meter class aircraft carrier. The height of the aircraft carrier was

supposed to be several dozen meters, but because the ship hull was long with wide width, it looked like a mere flat plank flying.

The camera was gradually approaching from overhead view. Following that, the image was becoming clearer.

“This picture was taken by the unmanned reconnaissance aircraft that was sent to patrol Guam.”

On the wide and flat deck, floating patterns and letters that seemed to be AU's were emitting light. In the center of those radiances, Aldea who was wearing Zeel was sitting on a chair.

And then, in a slightly separate place, the category-Ultra Tri-Head was standing by. The large body leisurely lying down was like a living being with life.

——And then, there was one more person.

In front of Aldea, there was a figure floating in the air.

Red Heart Hybrid Gear.

There was no mistake, that was Himekawa Hayuru's Neros.

At Himekawa's left and right, below and above, front and back, X-shaped shields were floating. Flat surfaces of light with those shields as the center were making a regular hexahedron, Himekawa was locked inside it. Her figure floating in air as if drifting weightlessly was as though she was being restrained by invisible chains.

Above the video, Kei's inputted text was streaming.

{Even though the unmanned aircraft approached until this close, those guys didn't shoot it down. Most likely their objective is to show us Himekawa's figure.}

Looking at Himekawa that was restrained by a mysterious power, Yurishia knitted her eyebrows.

"I see.....she really feels like a hostage."

Reiri also nodded with a grim face.

"There is no approach at all from the AU side. We don't understand what is those guys' objective, but we can guess that their objective perhaps is to lure us."

"But Nee-chan. Normally we will think so, but the opponent this time is an AU person you know?"

"Thinking about the precedent of first contact the other day, it's only natural to think that they have extremely similar behavioral pattern and sense of values as us. And exactly as they aimed——"

Reiri looked over the members of Amaterasu.

"No matter what the enemy is planning, we have to go rescue Himekawa."

He completely agreed with that.

Yurishia showed a daring smile.

"So we are going to dare to accept the enemy's invitation you say? I don't hate something like that."

"Then, what should we do?"

Aine asked while her eyes were still staring at Aldea on the screen.

“First, I have something for Aine and Kizuna to do.”

“Aine and I?”

Reiri raised the corners of her mouth.

“This time it’s our turn to surprise them.”

Part 2

On the wide sprawling deck of the aircraft carrier, there was Aldea staying there alone.

The wind blowing in the sky was fluttering up her long hair.

Her purple eyes were shining bewitchingly, she was staring with all her attention at the sky that was nearing dawn.

Suddenly her lips were murmuring something.

“This is completely contrary to my expectation.....this is really different from the story that I heard from that person. Even though I thought that child in white magic armor is surely the one.”

She turned back at the Tri-Head standing by behind her.

“If it’s just collecting the Core, then I’ll leave that to you. I think it’s about time they come taking the bait.”

Several windows were opened around that murmuring face.

The displayed content and letters were different, but the technology itself couldn’t be told apart from Heart Hybrid Gear.

Those windows underwent complete change into deep red alert display.

“——!?”

From beyond the window, she noticed the pressure of fierce light approaching.

It was the bombardment of light possessing destructive power beyond imagination.

——Corruption Armament [Pulverizer]

The light of destruction crossed the sky instantly.

“Multiple Shield(Anti Battleship Use Multiple Defense)!”

Aldea yelled sharply.

As if to respond toward that instruction in panic, the aircraft carrier deployed defense shield of magic circle. Several tens of shield were piling up in preparation for the Pulverizer’s bombardment.

Even a single one was a shield that could block the main cannon of an AU’s battleship.

But with a single attack of the Pulverizer, those shields were crushed really easily. And then, all of the shields were mowed down. The flash right from the side gouged a gigantic hole almost right at the center of the ship hull, then it pierced through at the other side.

The ship’s body greatly tilted, the surface of the deck was turned into a giant slide.

“——”

Aldea and Himekawa, and then the Tri-Head began to slide down on the deck.

‘This bombing, it’s from that time!?’

This destructive power is as if it came from a super dreadnought class battleship’s main cannon——no, it’s even more than that. It’s not like I cannot block it if I use my Labyrinth Cube(Cube Dimension Maze), but——,’

Aldea stared at the Labyrinth Cube that began to slide down and knitted her eyebrows.

Even now those shields were used to imprison Neros.

The bombardment of Pulverizer made the aircraft carrier receive lethal damage, Aldea also fell into confusion. As if charging at that opening, there was a shadow suddenly approaching with tremendous speed.

Trailing a golden light trail behind it, a Heart Hybrid Gear was soaring in the sky.

It was Yurishia’s Cross.

Cross that flew by fully opening the Differential Frame’s propulsive power easily broke the sound barrier.

On Yurishia’s body, Kizuna was clinging there closely.

“It will be soon, Kizuna!”

“Yeah!”

If it was in a straight line, Cross was faster than anything.

It carried Eros until above the aircraft carrier from beyond the horizon in the blink of an eye.

“Now!”

Kizuna separated from Yurishia's body and danced that body above the sky.

Under his eyes the aircraft carrier which was crumbling even now was visible.

At the center of the hull which had a gigantic hole opened, the hull was warping. The one thousand meter gigantic body quickly broke into half and began to fall towards Guam's sea.

Yurishia that passed through in an instant turned back at the falling aircraft carrier. In the end of her sight, there was the Tri-Head that spread its wings to fly from the slanting deck.

"I don't think I can defeat it but....."

She converted the Differential Frame's ability from propulsive power to attack power.

"Fire!!"

From Yurishia's whole body, particle cannons spouted fire all at once. The golden lights stretching out straightforwardly impacted the Tri-Head directly. Together with dazzling light, an explosion spread.

Aldea clicked her tongue while sliding down the deck.

"I'll leave that long range battery to you! It's fine for you to break it."

Tri-Head reached out its neck from inside the flame due to Aldea's instruction, its spread out wings shined red and it lightly took off to the sky.

"Please try to catch me!"

Yurishia confirmed that the Tri-Head came chasing her and raised the output of the Differential Frame once more.

Confirming the distancing away Tri-Head, Aldea weighed between the captured Neros and that white magic armor she was unfamiliar with. She was wondering which one she should prioritize to deal with?

Letters of AU were floating in the window floating in front of Aldea's eyes, a warning was addressed to her once more.

'She is preparing a bombardment again!?

As expected, it will be bad if I'm shot right now.'

Aldea undid the restraints on Himekawa's body as if throwing her away. The six shields once more attached themselves to her body, she ignited her thruster and headed towards the direction from where the Pulverizer came with full speed.

Himekawa's body that lost its support was falling together with the debris of the aircraft carrier.

Confirming Aldea was flying away, Kizuna yelled.

"Mode Zeros!!"

The radiance of Eros that was worn on Kizuna's body changed. The pink luminescence was changing from below into the same blue color like Zeros.

The first instruction that he got from Reiri in the briefing was to do Climax Hybrid with Aine. And then, they obtained the Corruption Armament [Pulverizer] for Aine, and the same ability with Zeros for him.

Chasing after Himekawa's body, Kizuna plunged into the middle of the falling debris of the aircraft carrier.

Eros that was supposed to be useless exhibited equal mobility as Zeros. He was avoiding the hundreds of debris falling on him with beautiful movement.

“Himekawa——!!”

While evading the obstacles, Kizuna opened his sensor window.

“Where!?”

The window shined brightly, pulling Kizuna’s attention on it.

A three dimensional map with Kizuna at the center was displaying a shining red dot.

‘——That’s Neros!’

It displayed the dot falling to the sea diagonally below at the right of Kizuna’s position.

He ignited the thrusters throughout his body with light particles and pursued after Himekawa with speed far faster than a natural drop. He soared with tremendous speed amidst the scattered debris.

The torn off deck from the crumbling aircraft carrier was flying in front of Kizuna becoming a gigantic wall.

“Chih!”

Eros’s figure vanished in an instant. In the next moment, it slipped through the falling deck in evasion.

“Himekawa——! Where are youuuu-!?”

The internal magic mechanisms were expelled out to the sky one after another from the pulverized ship hull. Clusters of huge parts were endlessly floating in the air, obstructing his path.

Even while Eros was moving with high speed, it didn't come into contact with those debris and avoided them all.

If it was the normal Eros, surely it would have crashed in an instant and bore large damage. However right now the result of the Climax Hybrid with Zeros was in effect. Even the storm of debris looked like they were all in slow motion.

But, no matter how much mobility he exhibited, it was all meaningless if he couldn't save Himekawa.

The sea surface was rapidly approaching.

Impatience was seeping into Kizuna's heart.

It was the end if Himekawa fell to the sea. He had to save her no matter what before that.

Where?

Kizuna mobilized all of his sensors and searched for Himekawa's location.

However there was no reaction.

'Why damn it! There was a reaction until just now! Shit-!'

Kizuna's heart was ringing like an alarm bell.

Sweat flowed down his forehead.

'Where!?'

He turned his head, moved his eye, he was sending his gaze to all directions,

At that time, swaying black hair was reflected in the corner of his eyes.

“Himekawa!”

Neros was already terminated, Himekawa right now was only in her pilot suit. Like this it was only natural that there was no reaction from Neros.

If she fell to the sea from this height in her flesh, she would certainly die.

Before she fell to the sea——,

At that time, the prow of the aircraft carrier impacted the sea below. The wreckage of the broken aircraft carrier didn't immediately sink and stood towering tall like two spires from the sea.

‘This is bad!!’

Himekawa's body was falling toward that spire. At this rate, Himekawa's body would hit the aircraft carrier faster than falling into the sea.

Igniting his thruster, Kizuna headed to that direction with all his speed.

In front of Kizuna, a protective wall torn off from the hull flew into his way.

Kizuna twisted his body and pulled his fist.

“HAAA!”

The fist struck out from his shoulder drove into the thick steel plate. Shockwave like an explosion opened a hole on the steel plate.

“HIMEKAWAAAAA-!”

Kizuna flew out from amidst the explosion and embraced the body of Himekawa that was powerlessly floating in the air.

“Himekawa! Oi, get a hold of yourself, Himekawa!”

Kizuna ignited his thruster and slipped through between the two spires just barely.

And then he raised his output in full throttle and increased his speed. While being showered by the gigantic water pillar heaved up by the debris of the aircraft carrier, Kizuna was flying horizontally, distancing himself away from the aircraft carrier.

{This is Kizuna! Himekawa has been safely rescued! We will immediately withdraw from the front line!}

The transmission from Kizuna was delivered to Aine.

Ten kilometers from the aircraft carrier, Aine was readying the Pulverizer on the sky, she was charging the energy for the second shot.

“Next is the Tri-head. Yurishia, lead the prey here quickly——!?”

Her sensor reflected the shadow of something approaching in great speed.

{Aine! Aldea is heading there! Be careful!}

The moment she heard Reiri’s voice, Aine readied her Pulverizer once more.

“To dare challenging this me in a one-on-one battle, there is a limit even in being conceited.”

Aine aimed at the approaching Aldea.

“This time I’ll pulverize her for sure.”

And then, she pulled the trigger without hesitation.

The wave of destruction blew away the clouds and a terrific explosion sound roared above the sea. And then, the radiance that destroyed space and time shot out straight towards Aldea.

It was the bombardment that destructed even a gigantic battleship in one shot. If it hit directly, then the likes of magic weapons would be terminated without the least bit of difficulty.

Aldea stopped in the sky. Her armor detached from her body.

Aldea's glossy lips opened.

"Labyrinth Cube."

Six shields transformed and linked up, the cube that restrained Himekawa was making its appearance once more.

The next moment, the merciless bombardment of Pulverizer hit.

An explosion of light occurred.

Fierce lightning spread to the sky and sea, shockwave indented the sea.

It made one think that Aldea altogether with the cube floating in the air were pulverized in one breath.

—However,

The light of Pulverizer lost its target inside the Labyrinth Cube.

The bombardment was circling on and on inside the cube as though losing its path, its direction was changed and then it was flying away from the gap of the Labyrinth Cube.

Several streaks of light that were warped into different directions, one flew to the outer space annihilating the cloud, one opened a large hole at the sea terminating the sea water.

Aine was staring at it happening from beginning to end with shock.

‘——It’s blocked again.

Not just once, but twice.

My Pulverizer doesn’t work.’

Aldea’s figure was wavering standing still at the other side of the heat haze.

Labyrinth Cube distorted the power of Pulverizer. It was blocked, but it didn’t mean that it was repelled easily.

‘——Can I attack one more time?’

Aine tried to ready her Pulverizer. However, Aldea was already moving.

She was heading to Aine with her full speed.

There was no leeway for Aine to charge a third shot.

Aine swiftly threw away her Corruption Armament, the Pulverizer vanished, turning into beads and belts of light.

In exchange she clutched her fist and charged at the approaching enemy.

The two Heart Hybrid Gears collided.

Sharp light and fierce sparks scattered.

The Labyrinth Cube returned into six shields and lined up in front of Zeros.

With her fist stopped, Aine glared at the enemy across the shield from very close range.

Looking at Aldea like this, she was really indistinguishable from humans.

Her hair and the color of her eyes were a little different, but such thing was still within the range of fashion. It could be changed trivially.

In order to shake off her surprise and hesitation, Aine let out caustic words.

“I don’t care whether you are human or a person of AU.”

The elbow thruster increased in brightness, the shield was pushed back.

“What is without doubt, is that you are the fool who is challenging this me in close range battle!”

The instance Aine almost overcame the shield, light ran on Aldea’s shield and Aine’s arm distorted.

“!?”

The distorted space flicked off Aine’s right fist. However in that moment, Aine’s left hand reached out and grasped the shield.

“Eh.....?”

Aldea was taken by surprise.

Aine’s upper body that was almost thrown backwards was supported by gripping the shield.

“Ha-!!”

And then like that the shield was raised, and the body that became defenseless was punched. The elbow thruster produced a punch at a speed that was normally impossible, and in the instant of the impact, shockwave was fired from the end of the arm.

“——-!!”

The moment the impact attacked Aldea, pattern like a magic circle floated for an instant on her body.

It seemed that it was something substantial like the Life Saver of Heart Hybrid Gear. However, it was like a minimal safeguard that didn't have that much defensive power.

Aldea's body was truly easily blown away, Aine kicked the air in order to add a pursuing attack.

In order to stop the approaching Aine, Aldea lined up the shields in front of Aine, but Zeros astounding mobility was in full display, all the shields were evaded.

"That.....-!"

That movement shocked Aldea.

"HAAA!"

The leg thruster emitted belt of light. That propulsion was struck into Aldea's body as a fierce spinning kick.

"Gah.....ha!"

Aldea's body bended forming the shape of >. Aldea was using most of her armor as shields. Although she had pilot suit and safeguard, she was mostly defenseless like this.

Aine once again kicked with her leg, the blade on her shin aimed at Aldea's abdomen.

".....Kuh!"

Aldea immediately glided a shield in front of Zeros's leg.

Aine's kick changed trajectory in the middle. Her leg flew passed the shield and sunk into Aldea's chest.

"Gu, AAA-!"

Aldea ignited her thruster and somehow controlled her posture, stopping her body in place.

"The next will be the last."

Aine put her right hand forward and took a stance.

Aldea raised her face and gazed at Aine.

"How amazing.....you are."

Her face didn't have anger or killing intent. A smile that was happy from the bottom of her heart was shown there.

"For such an amazing magic armor to exist in this world without any signature.....hey, what is the name of that magic armor? Please tell me by any means."

Aine tightened her lips in ^ shape for a while, but then she reluctantly opened her mouth.

"——Zeros."

In that instant, Aldea's smile froze.

"Ze.....ros?"

Aldea muttered deliriously.

"You, Chidori.....something I think? You, who are you?"

It was a strange question.

Aine couldn't catch her meaning.

"Fine then, I'll teach you. I am the pilot of Zeros. Chidorigafuchi Aine."

Aldea's eyes opened wide in shock, her mouth was also hanging open.

"Chidori.....Aine.....Aine, Zeros."

She clapped her hands in front of her face.

"Ha.....hahaha, is that so, as I thought, so that's how it is! Ahaha, how spending!"

Aine made a dubious face.

"I wonder if I hit your head when I kicked you before? Aah, but if I punch you, perhaps you will return back to usual?"

Aine grasped her fist tightly.

"Yes, yes, the current you doesn't get the meaning of what I'm talking about isn't it! Aah, but there is no need to worry! Yes, leave everything to me! I will save you for sure!"

Aldea kept talking in excitement. That aroused emotion looked really eerie for Aine who was watching her.

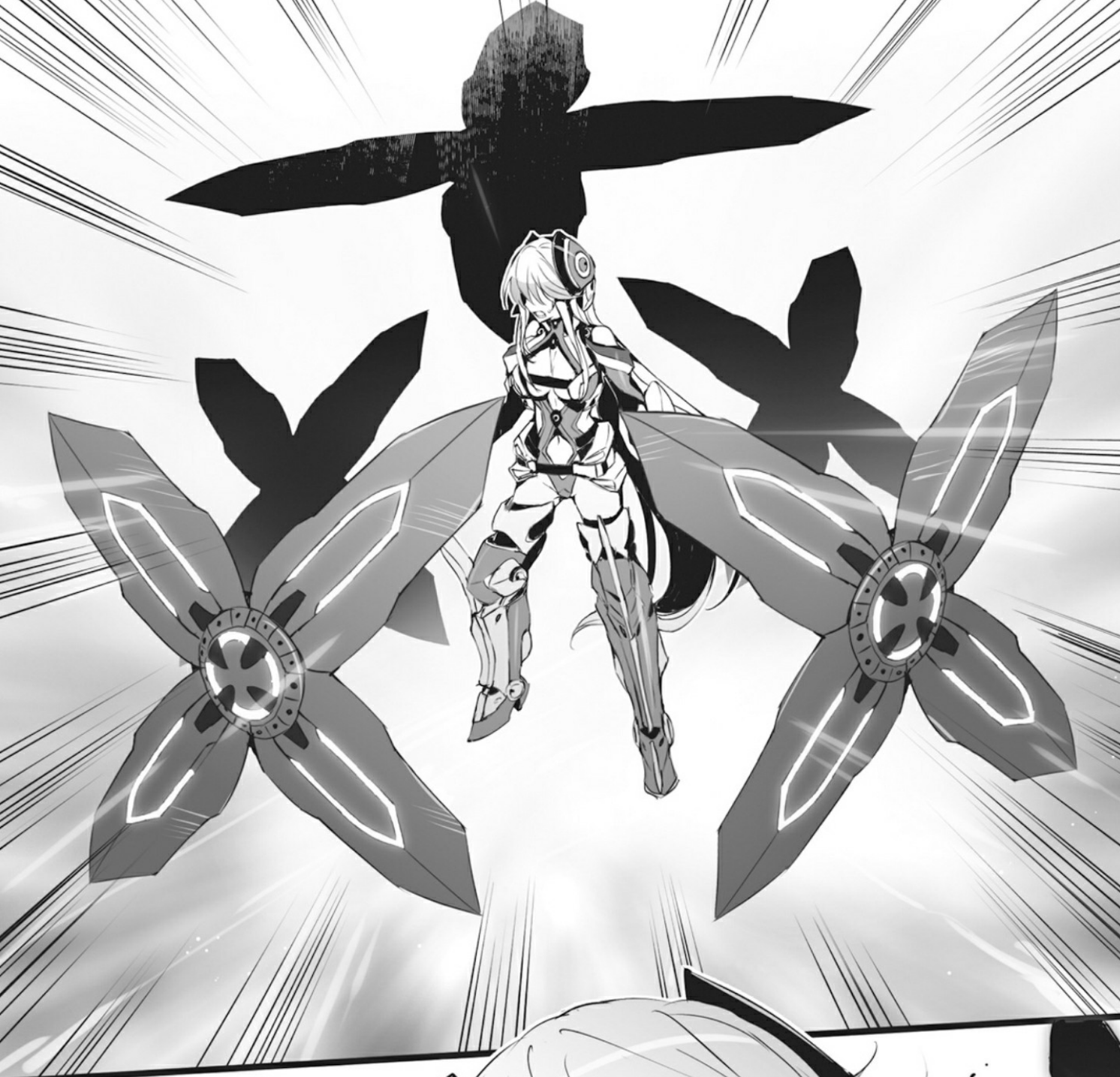
"What are you prattling about I wonder? Your head really got broken hasn't it?"

"Fufufu, now, I'll capture, imprison, and kidnap you. With....."

Aldea smiled cheerfully.

"This Labyrinth Cube!"

Six shields were approaching in order to surround Aine.



Part 3

Kizuna was carrying Himekawa in his arms heading to Ataraxia.

“This is Kizuna. Ataraxia, respond.”

A floating window projected Reiri.

“Nee-chan, my side went as planned. I’m in the middle of heading back to Ataraxia——”

{Kizuna, change of plan. We planned to destroy Tri-Head with Pulverizer, but Aldea interrupted and now she is in the middle of battle with Aine. Yurishia is fighting Tri-Head alone.}

“What did you say!?”

That Heart Hybrid Gear of Aldea, Zeel possessed a mysterious power. In addition, Tri-Head was an opponent that couldn’t be defeated even with the four of them.

Kizuna’s forehead was having cold sweat.

{The only silver lining is you and Himekawa. Head over there for reinforcement immediately!}

Kizuna looked at Himekawa in his arms.

“Putting me aside, Himekawa’s Hybrid Count is already in the red zone, she is in a state that cannot even put on Neros here!”

Kizuna yelled at Reiri inside the window.

{I’m sending the thing right now. Fly straight at it like that.}

“The thing?”

Just when he was speaking so to the communication window, Kizuna was shined with dazzling light.

From the front, a large capsule he remembered seeing before suspended below a helicopter was approaching.

“Nn.....”

“Himekawa?”

“U, n.....Hi, Hida, kun?”

Himekawa’s eyes opened slightly.

“E, eh? This place? Somehow, it feels pleasantly fluffy.....nyaa!?”

Noticing herself who was sleeping on a bed with a tattered pilot suit and Kizuna who was sitting beside her, Himekawa unintentionally raised a strange voice.

“Hii!”

Being alert toward Kizuna who was in his pilot suit, Himekawa hugged her body and backed off until the corner of the bed. Certainly pilot suit was made from a thin material that fitted the body. It was understandable for her to want to be on guard. Moreover, Himekawa’s pilot suit had holes opened here and there. The pilot suit that had already high exposure rate at the best of times became something even more risqué, so it further scared her.

“Whe, where is this place, besides my appearance, yo, yo, you, what did you do to me!?”

“I, I didn’t do anything-! Nothing at all!”

Himekawa yelled with bright red face and glared at Kizuna while her nose was huffing roughly.

‘——Eh, now that I think back?’

Himekawa’s memory revived. She was looking around the room restlessly with an anxious face.

“I, if I remember right.....”

‘That’s right, I should have lost against that enemy, Aldea.’

“This is above the sea. The new equipment brought from Ataraxia is left floating on the sea. Now, we are inside it, that’s how it is.”

“New equipment.....this thing?”

The bed she was sleeping on was a queen-sized pure white bed.

Inside the room, there was a table and a sofa, dresser, monitor. Inside was toilet and washroom, also a big bathroom. The washing place and also the bathtub were wide enough to be used by two people with enough room left over.

“I, was fighting with that enemy named Aldea.....I was pushed into the enemy’s shields, became unable to move, I remember the events until that time, but after that.....”

Himekawa pressed her hand on her head, trying desperately to remember.

“I guess you don’t remember what happened after you fainted, but Himekawa, you became an enemy captive then.”

“Eh!”

Himekawa made a face that was shocked from the bottom of her heart.

“But.....I, I don’t, remember at all of such thing.....”

She shook her head in disbelief.

“But, if that happened then how did I——”

Saying until that far, Himekawa’s complexion changed.

“We carried out an operation to rescue Himekawa. Aine’s Corruption Armament shot down the enemy’s aircraft carrier, then, me and Yurishia’s combination rescued Himekawa. But, the operation hasn’t ended yet.”

“That’s.....what do, you mean?”

“The enemy Aldea, and also the category-Ultra Tri-Head are going strong.”

Hearing that name, Himekawa’s shoulders twitched.

“Aldea is fighting Aine, the Tri-Head is taking on Yurishia, I want to reinforce them immediately. That’s why——Himekawa?”

Himekawa’s face paled, her body was trembling in shivers.

“Oi, what’s wrong?”

“I, I, what did I.....”

Kizuna leaned on the bed and peeked into Himekawa’s face.

“Are you okay? Your complexion is bad.”

“I.....I’m a useless human.....I’m, already useless.”

Her trembling hand grasped the sheet tightly.

“Taking arbitrary action by myself based on personal emotion.....I was saying self-important things trying to correct other people’s conduct, while

in the end I'm the one who troubled other people the most.....because of my fault, my comrades met danger.....uu-

Tears spilled out from Himekawa's eyes.

"Himekawa.....don't blame yourself that much. No one is thinking that about you."

"Even if no one thinks that about me, I cannot forgive myself!"

When she raised her face and yelled, tears scattered from her eyes.

"Himekawa.....in the first place, why are you, that obsessed with the Tri-Head?"

Himekawa hung her head down, she stayed quiet for a while.

However, she opened her mouth then determinedly.

".....Before, I had fought that category-Ultra once."

'Eh!?'

Wasn't the previous battle the first attack of that magic weapon?

"It was in the middle of a chaotic situation, so I didn't make an official report about it, but on the occasion of the 2nd Another Universe Conflict.....right before the Megafloat activated, that Tri-Head appeared in Japan."

Himekawa was staring at empty air with a sorrowful gaze.

"Entrances also appeared in Japan at the 2nd Another Universe Conflict.....however, Yurishia-san participated in the operation of the seventh fleet of American army, while Aine-san had the duty to guard

Ataraxia and Megafloat Japan. The protection of mainland Japan was entrusted to me alone.”

“Just you alone!?”

“Yes.”

“That’s absurd!”

It was absurd no matter how he thought about it. The guy pushing that duty to her is really hateful.

It seemed that Himekawa could guess Kizuna’s thinking. Himekawa showed a sad smile.

“But, at that time I seriously thought that I can protect Japan to the end by myself alone. I can do it with my power, rather if I cannot do that, then what meaning is there in this Heart Hybrid Gear. I persuaded myself like that.”

Himekawa stared at empty air remembering something.

“I flew around all over Japan, defeating magic weapons one after another. If it’s like this then I’ll be fine, I can protect Japan, that was what I felt.”

Certainly, if it was Himekawa’s combat ability, she could even defeat a category-A. But.....

“However, that was only until the enemy’s march was proceeding in full tilt, it was only for a short time. Soon, I could not do anything by myself alone.”

Himekawa’s forehead was etched with creases of distress.

“Just what should I do to deal with the magic weapons that appeared in the whole country simultaneously? The invasion of AU was progressing, each

territory of Japan fell into enemy's hand one after another. I didn't understand what happened with the land that was invaded. Have the people that lived there died, or are they alive....."

Tears gathered in Himekawa's eyes.

"I was wrapped in a feeling of despair. Even though if I just had more power, if I could just become stronger, I could actually protect them. The current me can do nothing except defeat the magic weapons before my eyes one by one. It was just like pouring water on a hot stone." (TL: A Japanese phrase, that meant useless or inadequate effort that failed.)

"Himekawa....."

"With the order from the commander, I returned to Tokyo. There is the need to accommodate the refugees in Megafloat Japan, so I had to buy time until the refugees boarded the passenger ship docked in Tokyo Bay.....that was the operation."

Himekawa's voice was trembling.

"What I can do was only something that much since the start. Something like protecting Japan, that's just too impertinent. But, I will protect at least those people. Looking at the several thousand people gathering in the harbor, I swore that in my heart. When they saw my figure, everyone cheered joyfully. The new weapon that can defeat the magic weapon has arrived.....they thought that they could feel relieve with that."

Even now her voice seemed like she was going to cry.

"Himekawa.....it's enough, you don't need to——"

"A small girl was.....a girl hugging a bear plushy was trembling in terror.....I promised that girl. That I will absolutely protect her, so rest

assured, I said.....that girl smiled, she was really relieved.....despite so, despite so, in that place.....that thing, that thing appeared.”

——Category-Ultra [Tri-Head]

“I was.....unable to do anything. I couldn’t do anything! Not a single thing! Even though until then there was no magic weapon I couldn’t defeat! I, cannot do anything.....everyone, everyone was.....uu, ku.....”

Tears spilled down from Himekawa’s eyes.

She suppressed the sobbing spilling from her mouth with her hand, crying while stifling her voice.

“I was conceited, I.....before the 2nd Another Universe Conflict happened, I was hailed as the trump card of Japan.....everywhere I went, everyone made a fuss of me.....I was.....feeling as if I had become a princess.”

That was an unexpected truth.

That was a great difference from him who was driven away from the laboratory by his mother.

“But, if it was only that, that’s not really a bad story——”

“In addition.....right at that time, my interest in my classmate’s talk about love was gushing forth.....I was constantly yearning for love like the ones in a novel or manga. Because of that, before I realized it I didn’t put my all into my training. Even though I was shouldering a significant mission, even though I understood that, I was talking about boys just like my friends, wanting to join hands with a boyfriend.....I only kept thinking about that kind of thing.”

This time Kizuna lost his words.

Himekawa Hayuru had interest in love? She didn't put her all in training?

That was too unexpected.....totally unbelievable.

That was really a story about Himekawa herself, was there a mistake somewhere?

"In the first place I'm just a human of that level."

Himekawa looked down.

"If I only polished myself by training seriously at that time.....perhaps I could have saved those people. If I didn't get carried away by my fickle feeling and lived seriously, perhaps I could save even more people.....thinking that, it makes me want to tear apart this body from shame and regret."

Himekawa glared sternly with eyes that were wet with tears.

"And so, I don't want to repeat such mistake for the second time. I regulate myself, remonstrate myself, I live systematically, sever my desire, not slacking in my daily training, I give my all for the sake of my mission. I decided in my heart to live like that."

'——Is that so?

So Himekawa's stoic personality is because of that reason.'

Kizuna finally comprehended Himekawa's obstinate attitude,

"Everyone of Amaterasu who shouldered the same mission like me.....also all the students of Ataraxia, so that they won't follow the same mistake like me, I want them to lead a wholesome life."

"I understand your feeling but.....isn't that a little too extreme?"

Himekawa glared at Kizuna with red bloodshot eyes.

“No! That will become something to protect your own life. Not only that, it will also protect the life of the people of Japan. I want all of you to understand that. I absolutely don’t want a mistake of a fool like me to happen again! Yet despite so!”

Himekawa shook her hair disorderly, she was literally crying and yelling.

“I got angry and rushed out as I pleased, then like that I lost again to the enemy and got turned into a captive.....”

“Himekawa.....”

On the face of the sobbing Himekawa, a self-depreciating smile appeared.

“For the sake of someone like me, everyone now is meeting with danger.....this is really a joke. It goes past aggravation and feels humorous instead.”

Kizuna reached out his hand to Himekawa’s shoulder.

“It’s fine, everyone is not thinking like that of you. Even we——”

“Please just leave me alone! In the first place I’m just a human of this level!”

Himekawa shook off Kizuna’s hand with a lot of strength. And then, she hit the bed with clenched fist several times.

“Everything would be better if the Core of Neros was installed to someone else that is not me! If that was the case, no one would feel troubled or meet any danger! Even those many people.....that girl too, perhaps they would be saved!”

He had never seen Himekawa this hysteric.

Most likely, there was no one in the world that had seen her like this.

She was always dignified, decorous, composed, the serious Himekawa.

As a public morals committee member, she was noble, just, strict on the rule, the hardheaded Himekawa.

‘The Himekawa that we know is that kind of person.’

“I’m sorry.....because I, because someone like me, is the one who obtained the Heart Hybrid Gear.....a lot of people, died.....”

But, the weak girl crying and breaking down here, this was also Himekawa Hayuru.

‘I only thought that my distance with Himekawa had gotten closer, yet I didn’t try at all to understand about Himekawa.’

“.....Himekawa, everyone has recognized that you are fighting with everything that you have.”

“Tha, that’s, the result in the end.....I only troubled other people.....hic”

Kizuna put his hand on Himekawa’s shoulder.

“Certainly, I think it’s important to repent for the past. But that’s only for the sake of learning something from it, so that we can live better in the future. It’s not for blaming yourself forever.”

Himekawa faced Kizuna with eyes that had become red.

“But that.....that, in the end, I didn’t learn anything.....from it, isn’t it?”

Tears were flowing down from her damp eyes without stopping.

He guessed that she had endured herself until all this time. The dam that her head held back, her piling up bitterness and sorrow had broken and overflowed out all in one go.

“Just.....leave me alone. I, I, quit already. From Amaterasu.....and from Ataraxia too, I'll go away.....I don't want, to do this anymore.”

Himekawa rubbed her eyes while turning her back to Kizuna.

‘——This is bad.’

He had to make Himekawa stand on her feet somehow. There was no way it would get better like this. Not only Himekawa, but Aine and Yurishia that were in a bitter fight right now were also approached by danger.

What should he do?

What was the right thing to do?

Kizuna sidled up to Himekawa on the bed.

“Himekawa.....then let's do this. To make up for the trouble that you cause, can you listen to my story a little?”

“Cu, curse me.....hic, as much as you like. So, someone like me.....hyaa!?”

Kizuna embraced Himekawa's body from the back.

“Wa, wait, wha, what are you doing!?”

Not only the area around her eyes, her cheeks also reddened when she turned back at Kizuna. However, she found Kizuna's face near her nose that she turned back to the wall in panic.

“Like this you can calm down right?”

Kizuna recalled how Reiri did this for him when he was crying as a child.

‘——Well, this is out of my depth though.’

“.....Pervert.”

Himekawa complained sullenly, but she didn’t resist more than that.

Kizuna took a large deep breath and calmed down his heart, then he began to talk with her, face close to Himekawa.

“Hey, Himekawa. Certainly, there might be lives that you couldn’t save. But, there should also be a lot of lives that Himekawa had saved.”

However, Himekawa only scowled her face.

“Something like that.....I don’t know.”

“There is no doubt about that. Because, the one who said that is me, who you had actually saved.”

Himekawa was making a face that was increasingly confused.

“You forget? That time when I came for the first time to Ataraxia, you saved me that was attacked by a Viking.”

“Ah.....”

Certainly that had happened.

“But, that was.....even without me saving you, Hida-kun has a Heart Hybrid Gear, so that’s not really——”

“But, my combat ability is nonexistent. Besides at that time, Eros also still hadn’t been adjusted yet. There is enough possibility that I wouldn’t have been able to escape. Himekawa saved my life. If Himekawa was not there, I won’t be here right now.”

Himekawa suddenly began to get flustered.

“Bu, but.....that’s.....don’t you understand what I said?”

“This me, that is the actual person concerned in this, is feeling that you are my life’s benefactor. That’s not something that Himekawa can decide. If I have to say further, Himekawa also saved the life of Yurishia and Aine too don’t you think?”

‘Wh, why, does it become like that?’

“If I died, then Heart Hybrid couldn’t be used. In that case, Yurishia would have been killed by Dragre in the southern island, and Aine would have died from the attack of the large battleship before this.”

Himekawa tried to argue back but no words came out. Only her mouth that was keep opening and closing.

“If that happened, then Ataraxia wouldn’t be able to shot down the large enemy battleship, and also to chase away the enemy fleet. In other words, Himekawa had saved Megafloat Japan.”

“So, something like that.....is just.....a sophistry.”

“The life that Himekawa saved went to save more life. Sooner or later, it will become an unbelievable number right?”

“That’s.....”

Himekawa had recovered most of her composure.

However, her gaze dropped to the floor and her face was becoming gloomy.

“Just because of that.....I don’t think that my sin will vanish.....”

“In order to redeem that sin, in order to save even more people, isn’t that why you are fighting together with us?”

“.....That’s why, I told you that a useless human like me will just cause even larger damage. Please search for another qualified person.”

Kizuna breathed a sigh.

“Is that so.....”

Kizuna put some strength to his arms that were embracing Himekawa and pulled her body closer.

Himekawa was forced to entrust her weight to Kizuna’s body.

“Wha, what is it? Wha, what are you planning to do!? Do, doing something like this——”

“Isn’t this fine?”

“Eh?”

“Because, Himekawa had already giving up fighting right? Then, whether you skip your training, or go playing around, even if you have a slovenly life, or getting along with a boy, you shouldn’t particularly mind it. Because, those things are things that Himekawa refrained from in order to fight the enemy.”

“Tha, that’s.....perhaps that is so but——n-, no! I wasn’t refraining or anything! I don’t remember ever saying that I want to do those things!”

“But, there shouldn’t be any need to feel any guilt doing this at all, right?”

“Eh.....that.....you’re right, but”

Himekawa’s cheeks was tinged in pink color.

“Ha-! No, I don’t have any intention to surrender my chastity to you just because of that!”

“I beg you.”

“That’s why! I said that I won’t do anythi——”

“Please help Aine and Yurishia.”

“Eh.....!?”

She reflexively tried to look back, there Kizuna’s face was right beside her.

Kizuna’s face was serious.

Himekawa’s chest jumped throbbingly.

“Right now, those two are falling into danger. To save them, Himekawa’s strength is necessary.”

Himekawa’s gaze was lost.

“That’s.....it’s already too late, what can I do.....”

“Climax Hybrid.”

“Wha-!?”

Himekawa’s face became bright red instantly.

“This, this me, do, doing such shameless thing is——”

“Right now, to save those two, there is no other choice.”

“.....!!”

Himekawa’s words got stuck in her throat.

“The recovery of Hybrid Count using Heart Hybrid. And then, the equipment of Corruption Armament using Climax Hybrid. Those are the keys of victory.”

“I.....in the first place, it’s possible that something like that is not loaded inside my Neros.”

“I too don’t know that. But, I want to bet on it. On Neros’s Corruption Armament!”

Kizuna’s earnest eyes were staring straight at Himekawa.

Himekawa’s chest throbbed even harder.

“You have seen the might of Zeros’s Pulverizer right? If something of equal power is also inside Neros.....”

“If there is.....what are you meaning to say?”

Kizuna spoke strongly.

“The category-Ultra, can be defeated by Himekawa’s hand.”

Inside Himekawa, something big shook.

“That, Ultra-class, which is like a demon.....that invincible Tri-Head.....can be defeated?”

“Right.”

A great number of people’s faces flashed inside Himekawa’s mind.

The time when her own weapon was completely useless, that she was beaten so badly without achieving anything.

The people looking at her joyfully, calling her the goddess that would save them.

The smiling face of that girl, who believed in her——.

Kizuna took Himekawa's hand. Then he entangled his fingers with hers.

"Ah....."

Just from that, Himekawa's back shivered.

"Besides I thought that Himekawa's heart that hates indecent things was a problem, but if you actually don't hate it and only refrained from such acts, then I'm relieved."

"Eh?Err, really, I told you already, I'm not liking it or any.....nnuu!"

One of his hands crept through Himekawa's back.

"That's why.....just this once, it's fine even if it's just this once! Do Climax Hybrid with me, let's fight together!"

Kizuna separated their entangling fingers and caressed Himekawa's head. He brushed through her glossy black hair, stroked her cheek, and touched her lips.

Himekawa's eyes turned rigid.

"Do, don't touch my hair carelessly. Hair is a woman's soul."

He caressed from Himekawa's cheek to her ear.

"Hauu"

Himekawa was excessively sensitive, each time he touched her inadvertently, she returned back a reaction for every single one.

"I, I'm, not, a licentious woman like.....hauu"

While he was repeating his caress, her eyes became intoxicated.

“I, I said no.....even though I understand that we must not do this, my body.....”

Kizuna’s hand crawled from Himekawa’s hair to her back. A shivering sensation ran through Himekawa’s back.

“This cannot.....be helped? It’s only this once.....”

Himekawa narrowed her eyes pleasantly.

“If.....if it’s, just once.....whether it’s lewd thing, or fighting.....because, if I don’t do it, everyone cannot be saved so.....that’s why, this cannot, be helped.....haan”

Himekawa was already staring at nothing with intoxicated eyes.

Kizuna stroked her head while his other hand was stroking at her thighs.

“It feels good.....”

Such words leaked out from Himekawa’s mouth.

“Does your head feel good? Or your leg?”

“Eh? A.....ah! My head, head!”

“Is that so? Then”

From her head, his hand brushed her long black hair as if scooping them up.

“Nn”

Kizuna’s hand brushed through her hair, moving to Himekawa’s body.

His hand was moving from her neck that looked so slender they might break towards her collarbone, he was caressing down each of Himekawa’s body parts, as though confirming them one by one.

“Hyaa, whe, where are you touching.....!”

Each time his hand slid, Himekawa’s body twitched.

“Himekawa is really sensitive.”

And then Kizuna’s hand gradually climbed from her chest to the two hills.

“E.....a”

Himekawa suddenly embraced herself with her two hands, hiding her breast.

“What’s wrong?”

Kizuna stared at her fixedly.

‘Damn it. Did I rush it too much?’

Inside Kizuna’s heart, cold sweat was flowing.

“Hida-kun, you too are actually thinking that my breasts are small right?”

‘.....What?’

“No.....I told you this too before, but I don’t think that at all.”

“Lies. You absolutely compared them to Aine-san and Yurishia-san.”

She began to complain with puffed cheeks.

What?

What was with this reaction?

Kizuna was in confusion, but first he thought that he needed to put her in a good mood.

“Right now the one I have my eyes on is only Himekawa, I’m not comparing your or anything. Well, if you say that I’m comparing.....then compared to the average breast, then even Himekawa’s breast is on the big side.”

“Really.....just why do men care that much for breast size? Something like that doesn’t matter.....I cannot understand.”

.....He had various things he wanted to say, but for now he held back.

“Other than size.....the shape of Himekawa’s breast is also beautiful though. Can you show me so I can see properly?”

“Tha, that shameless speech, how can you say that so calmly-!!”

Himekawa sent him a protesting gaze, yet even while doing that, her arms that were hiding her breasts were slowly lowering down.

“Is, is this okay?”

“Yeah.....it’s really beautiful.”

Kizuna’s fingertips touched the base of Himekawa’s breasts.

“Ahn”

He was only touching the surface while little by little aiming at the top area.

“Huu!”

He arrived at the part that was the most aroused. There, he was shaking his fingertips in short interval.

Himekawa’s body was writhing around on the bed, as if electricity was traveling through her body.

“Ahh, aa, do, don’t-, that-“

Through the thin pilot suit, he understood well the shape of her breast. And then, even the change that was happening under it was conveyed to him with no hiding it.

The thing that was changing from the smooth round shape, into the solid protrusion was rapidly starting to assert its existence.

“Aa.....!?”

The face of Himekawa who noticed that change was colored bright red.

“No, no.....this is, ya”

“Himekawa feels this really easily huh.”

“You, you’re wrong, this, this is.....”

Himekawa became teary from shame.

“There is no need to be shy right? Himekawa’s breasts are just too beautiful. If its like this, then it won’t lose at all even to Aine or Yurishia you know.”

Kizuna’s palm gently caressed Himekawa’s whole breast.

“Is.....is that, real, ly.....true? I’m really.....do, not, lose.....to them?”

Even while asking that, Himekawa’s body repeatedly twitched and convulsed from Kizuna’s loving caress.

Her body was this sensitive, that it made him worried just her reacting motions would consume her stamina considerably.

“Yeah, that’s obvious. It’s really beautiful, I like it.”

Himekawa showed a relieved smile.

“.....I’m glad.”

Red light flashed through her eyes that were moist with tears in a flash.

With her condition like this, the success of Heart Hybrid was near.

“Hau.....ahn! Ah, the, there-”



Kizuna's hand caressed from her breast to her side and stomach. Her body twisted as though running away from that hand, but there was no escape. Like that his hand moved from her waist to her thighs, he was caressing her legs. At that time, his finger pulled at the hole on her tights.

"The pilot suit has quite a damage huh."

"No way.....but, there is no change....."

Luckily, there was a spare in this facility. Kizuna opened the dresser buried in the wall and prepared a spare from inside.

"Then, I'll put this on you, so sit down on the side of the bed."

"Ye, yes....."

Himekawa obediently moved to the side of the bed.

She languidly raised her body and brushed up her hair. That gesture was completely captivating.

"Then.....please."

Saying that, she stretched her slender and long leg.

Himekawa's eyes were completely filled with bewitching light. He was able to stir Himekawa's excitement enough with all his doing until now. He could see that the preparation for the Heart Hybrid had been put in order completely.

Kizuna crouched and took Himekawa's left leg. He took off her tights that was torn with holes in it.

He was lowering down the tight slowly. From below, Himekawa's bare foot was gradually appearing. Her thigh and calf drew a beautiful curve. He lovingly caressed that curve with his finger.

“Aa.....nn”

Kizuna’s body separated Himekawa’s nether region, he was currently in the middle of both her feet.

When he looked up, the surface of Himekawa’s nether region was visible.

Himekawa’s most hidden place, separated only by a sliver of thin fabric was there.

“Aah.....this kind of appearance. How improper.....”

Shivers were traveling through Himekawa’s back.

When she thought that her most important part as a girl was seen by Kizuna, the area around her lower abdomen suddenly became heated.

Kizuna stared at Himekawa’s legs, his finger caressed as if confirming from the tips of her toes one by one.

“Nnu-”

The shape of her leg was also beautiful. The finger of her foot was slender, her nails were glossy with beautiful shape. He couldn’t think of it as dirty at all. Rather, he even wanted to kiss them.

Once he thought that, an indescribable impulse was driven through his body.

Kizuna kissed the back of Himekawa’s foot.

“aAhnn!”

He fitted the tight from her toes. However, he didn’t put it on until finish like that, first he kissed her legs before covering the place he kissed with the tight.

Kizuna slide his mouth, from her shin to her calf. While doing that, the hardness and softness that his lips felt was changing moment by moment, he now knew that there was not even a part with similar sensation.

For Himekawa, that act made her have the feeling, as if a mark was put on her foot showing that this foot was Kizuna's belonging. The tight that was covered on top of it was like a chastity belt that denied the erasure of that mark.

Thinking so, it was like the place that Kizuna's hand touched, the passage that his lips passed, were gradually turning into Kizuna's possession, it was like her body was being conquered by Kizuna.

"Fuaaa....."

The instant she imagined that, the core of Himekawa's body was pierced by a sweet stimulation that paralyzed her.

"Wha, what, kind of, perverted act are you doing.....aa, aah.....hyaaan!"

When he advanced from around her knee to her thigh, Himekawa's reaction was changing further. Her hand that was clutching the sheet gripped even stronger, and her body bended largely.

From Himekawa's body, particles of red light began to scatter.

The success of Heart Hybrid was near.

"Hi-, Hida-kun, tha, that place....."

Kizuna advanced until the joint of the leg and sucked strongly at the inner part of the thigh.

"Kuu~~mm-! Aaah!"

Himekawa's body was thrown back, her waist floated in the air.

Underneath it a hand was sliding in, left and right hand, each hand was grasping at the left and right ass.

“Kyaa! Wha-, do, don’t-“

However Kizuna’s hands mercilessly kneaded on Himekawa’s ass. His finger rubbed at the same time with the turn of his hand.

The sensation on his palm made Kizuna dazed.

Pink light also raised from Kizuna’s body.

“Hii! Ha, haaaann! No, no, this is, shameful.....ah, ah”

Himekawa’s body was trembling.

In front of Kizuna’s eyes, there was Himekawa’s nether region that was protected by the pilot suit.

He kissed there.

“——! Hau”

Himekawa’s back bended backwards.

Even from above the pilot suit, he could taste the heat and dampness emitted from that part.

Himekawa’s legs stretched out tensely.

Her toes bended, as if trying to take hold of something.

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

Red light surged out from Himekawa’s body.

And then the pink light flowing out from Kizuna’s body combined with it in complete harmony, surrounding Himekawa’s body.

“This is.....Heart Hybrid.”

Himekawa whispered with an enraptured face.

Her whole body turned flaccid on the bed, as though strength had escaped from her body.

‘Aah.....this feels so good.....?’

Unbelievable.

For such a pleasure, to exist.....’

“It feels like.....the world, changed.”

Words of ecstasy leaked out from Himekawa’s mouth that was opened slovenly.

Kizuna caressed Himekawa’s head.

“You did great Himekawa. Your Hybrid Count is at full charge now.”

He spoke after confirming the vital sign on the smartphone.

“If that’s so.....”

Himekawa raised her body as though she was putting on a coquettish air.

“What kind of thing, are we, going to do next?”

Himekawa’s eyes were shining obscenely.

‘——That’s right. It’s still not the end.’

To reach Climax Hybrid, furthermore in a short time, moreover to obtain Hybrid Count with high quality, there was a necessity to make Himekawa even more excited.

Yurishia had the SM play.

What was it for Himekawa?

However, there was no time to test everything. In addition, failure wasn't permitted.

Even while they were doing this, Aine and Yurishia were forced into a dangerous battle.

Kizuna displayed the console.

"What is that?"

Himekawa looked at the transparent console with wonderment.

And then, she snuggled close to him like a pampered cat.

'——Yosh, let's go with this!'

Kizuna's hand hit the console.

At that instant, the inside of the room changed completely.

"Eh?"

The view was the room where he spent the time together with Himekawa these few days. The student guidance room of Ataraxia.

"Thi, this is, what in the world?"

Himekawa's eyes were opened wide in shock.

"The function of this new equipment is a kind of environment simulator. Not only location, even our clothes can be changed."

"Clothes?"

Himekawa looked down on herself and got shocked again.

"U, underwear!?"

Himekawa was in a white bra and panty that she usually wore.

“Wh, why?”

She was greatly flustered from the sudden happening.

“That’s not all, see.”

He embraced Himekawa’s shoulder and led her in front of the mirror inside the room.

“Nyaa-!? Just, what is this-!”

“It’s cat ears.”

On Himekawa’s head, a cat ear headband was put on.

What was even more strange, was that the ears were flapping matching with Himekawa’s surprise.

“There is also a collar.”

The collar was fastened with a bell, it was a red leather collar. When Himekawa moved her head, a cute sound was raised.

“Also a tail.”

“Eehh!?”

When she looked behind, a long black tail was growing from her panty. It was waving left and right flexibly using some kind of contraption.

“This kind of place, this kind of appearance.....ho, how perverted.....”

“Yeah, how perverted.”

“.....!!”

“That public morals committee member Himekawa Hayuru, inside this sacred student guidance room, she is doing this kind of cosplay, this really cannot be told to other people.”

Himekawa’s throat gulped audibly.

“But, this is an imaginary world. If it’s here, it’s fine to do whatever you like you know?”

If it was the usual Himekawa then she would surely reject it. But, right now she was under an aphrodisiac effect due to Heart Hybrid. Himekawa would surely get on board.

“What I like.....anything”

“That’s right. The thing you cannot do in reality, the impossible thing. In here, no one will know, there is no one criticizing. It’s fine for Himekawa to do what you like.”

Sweat was flowing from Himekawa’s forehead.

“I, it’s not like I, want to do something like this, I don’t think.....”

“But, you are excited right?”

“_____”

Himekawa’s usual attitude was strongly based from her sense of duty and guilt. According to the story of her past just now, it seemed that she was actually a normal girl that wanted to play and get along with a boy.

‘——If it is reversed, doesn’t that mean that Himekawa feels stimulation from a sense of guilt and feeling of corruption?’

To liberate Himekawa’s suppressed heart, he needed to break the wall of her usual feelings.

And in addition to that, he had to do it safely without breaking her current ordinary day.

By doing that it would also become a reduction of Himekawa's stress.

Himekawa was staring at herself inside the mirror for a while. Before long, her thighs began to fidget and rubbed at each other, her head with ears growing from it was nuzzling on Kizuna's chest.

And then, she purred with a small voice.

".....Nyaan."

'This is bad.....how cute.'

"What a cute cat."

When Kizuna stroked under the chin of Himekawa, she narrowed her eyes pleasantly.

"Then.....if I'm thrown away, will you pick me up and keep me?"

Himekawa's hand was placed on Kizuna's chest.

The phrase of keeping Himekawa stimulated Kizuna's excitement.

As expected, although she was in an aphrodisiac effect, that statement was just too amazing. The large gap with how she usually acted also made Kizuna's heart throb fast.

"The chest of a boy is hard isn't it? The width of your shoulder is also.....wide."

Himekawa's hand was caressing around Kizuna's upper body affectionately.

Himekawa's hand was soft, the sensation of being caressed was really good. Sometimes when he also felt ticklish, a shiver ran through Kizuna's body.

"Himekawa yourself.....you're beautiful."

As if to ascertain the line of Himekawa's body, Kizuna moved his hand, tracing the contour from her waist to her side, then moving to her shoulder. He could feel for real Himekawa's slender and supple line.

Himekawa smiled bewitchingly.

"For some reason your hand movement, is lewd.....that's not a hand movement to be affectionate to a cat you know?"

However she didn't look like she hated it, rather her voice was enjoying it. And then Himekawa too was moving her hand gently as though saying that she wanted to touch all of Kizuna.

"Himekawa yourself, where are.....you touching?"

"Hm? Who knows.....for some reason.....I don't understand."

She chuckled like a little devil.

The red light dancing bewitchingly inside her eyes felt like it became even brighter.

Kizuna was moving down his hand from Himekawa's neck to her chest, he was enjoying the sensation of Himekawa's body. Her fat was increasing in gentle sloping, and then in a certain spot there was a sudden undulation.

In the middle he stopped aiming for the summit, his finger traced the shape of the breast, drawing a circle.

"Nn.....un"

Himekawa shook her breast impatiently. Kizuna lifted up that breast from below as if to support it.

“.....Hey, Kizuna-kun. When you did Climax Hybrid with Aine-san.....what kind of things you did to her?”

“To Aine? No.....that’s”

“Me too.....I want you to do the same things to me.”

Himekawa looked up at him with upturned eyes and raised her voice sweetly.

In her eyes, there was a heart shaped light floating.

When he stared into it, he felt like his heart was sucked into that light.

“.....Himekawa.”

“Ha.....ii, nnuu!!”

He slipped in his finger between her bra and breast.

He felt directly the breast of Himekawa with his palm.

Amidst the earnest softness, there was a stiffened protuberance. When he inserted his hand, that protuberance was rolled on his palm.

Himekawa’s body jumped as if she was struck by lightning.

“aAAAN! Ah, ah, noo-!”

She twisted her body in pleasure.

Her eyebrows knitted, she was enduring the pleasure in anguish. In her face, there was not a single trace left of the upright and honest public morals committee member.

Kizuna excavated Himekawa's breast from the brassiere as if he was digging it out.

"——!"

Himekawa opened her eyes in surprise.

Himekawa's breast was exposed to open air without anything obstructing it, it was laid bare to Kizuna's gaze.

"A.....aa, it is seen.....it's completely seen.....my, breast."

It was a breast with beautiful shape, like a temple bell.

The small pink nipple was placed quietly on the white skin. The white skin was clean, there was even transparency on the color of the nipple.

Himekawa's body was trembling, her breast was also shaking flexibly matching with her body.

"Himekawa's breast is really beautifully shaped."

Kizuna put his hand under Himekawa's breast, and lifted it up.

"Haaun!"

"Besides, it is quite heavy....."

Kizuna lightly pushed Himekawa's breast before taking away his hand, he was staring at how the breast returned to its original shape.

"Don't.....if you stare at it that much, even though it's small, you will hate me....."

Himekawa hugged Kizuna tightly, not wanting to show her body to him.

That innocence made him feel her loveliness. Kizuna embraced Himekawa and circled his hands on Himekawa's back. Himekawa's breast was pressed on Kizuna's chest, changing their shape.

"Aahn....."

Himekawa's joyful breathing was audible in his ears.

Kizuna's hand slide down her back, like that his hand caressed her largely swelling ass.

"Hii! Kyaaaa!"

It was as if Himekawa jumped, her body bended backward. The intenseness of her reaction surprised Kizuna.

"Hi, Himekawa. Are you okay?"

"Ye, yes.....but, that, can you not touch that place so much....."

Himekawa's face was red, her feet were fidgeting, rubbing at each other.

Kizuna couldn't oppose the sweet impulse to expose the hidden secret.

—There was no place to escape.

Kizuna's hands grasped tightly at the left and right soft bottom.

"Kii.....! E, even though, I told you not to.....a, aaaaau!"

They were soft, but they possessed firm elasticity, his palm also felt good massaging them. Kizuna became a captive of that sensation.

In order to escape from Kizuna's hands that were persistently rubbing, Himekawa pushed at Kizuna's body.

"I, I told you don'ttttt.....haaaan!"

Himekawa was gazing at Kizuna with moist eyes.

“Nn.....?”

Behind Himekawa, her tail was standing erectly.

Her ears were also like that, but they looked like the expression of Himekawa's pleasure. In addition, if he thought about it carefully.....,

Where did it grow from?

It was difficult to suppress that curiosity. His hand reflexively reached out towards the sleek furred tail.

And then, he clutched at the tail that was standing straight.

“!? FUNYAAAAAaaAAaAAaAAAAAAA-!!”

A scream gushed out from Himekawa's mouth.

“Myaa, what are.....do, don't-, that, don't touch ITTTTTTTTT!”

Wha, what?

That was an abnormal reaction.

This tail, where did it actually attach at——

“Himekawa.....this tail, don't tell me”

Himekawa's face became the reddest it had ever been.

“I-, I don't know! Don, don't ask me-, it's nothing, it's nothing at all! It's attached nowhe——hii! Don't pull ITTTTTTTTTTT!”

“Go, got it.”

Was it better for him to put it back to before in proportion with the part he had pulled out?

Kizuna pushed in the tail.

“——!?gaa!! Ku.....kuhaaaa!!”

Himekawa's body jumped, her back bended backward largely.

Her mouth opened wide, her pink tongue was sticking out. It was as if she had forgotten to breath, her breathing stopped.

“Are, are you okay, Himekawa?”

“——kuhaa!”

Finally Himekawa breathed in, she bit her lips and stared at Kizuna reproachfully with teary eyes. Her face was bright red, her whole body was trembling.

“I, I'm fine.....so, the tail, don't.....touch it, anymore.”

Himekawa's teeth were raising clattering sound while she somehow spun her words.

It felt like she was desperately enduring something.

“Eii.....!”

Himekawa pushed away Kizuna's body with both her hands and separated their bodies.

“-.....kya!”

Although she succeeded getting away from Kizuna's body, her balance crumbled and she fell on the long desk behind her.

Kizuna gulped his breath involuntarily.

The rhythm of her toppling over made Himekawa's crotch——and also, the base of her tail become exposed.

Was it really true?

Did she really want it to not get touched?

He stared at Himekawa who was trembling with bright red face and eyes fully filled with tears.

——But,

“Sorry Himekawa.”

“Eh?”

Kizuna grasped Himekawa's thigh and lifted up her bottom.

‘——I want to see. Himekawa’s Climax Hybrid!’

Kizuna's hand pulled up Himekawa's tail with all his strength, until it was fully pulled out.

A fierce pleasure rushed through Himekawa's body.

Her consciousness flew away intermittently.

From the tips of her foot until the top of her head, a sweet numbness and impact pierced her——,

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Himekawa's toes stretched out straight, the tips of her toes were trembling.

Tears spilled out from her lifeless eyes, her mouth was slovenly opened.

The face of Himekawa that usually looked dignified was soaked in pleasure, she was thoroughly melting.

Her body was repeatedly convulsing in intoxication.

Her hair was greatly fluttering.

Himekawa's body was dazzlingly shining red. The particles of light separated from Himekawa's body, becoming a vortex of light that filled the inside of the room. The amount of that radiance and light couldn't be compared with the time when they did the Heart Hybrid. The pink light overflowing from Kizuna's body entwined with the red light, surrounding the body of the two while forming a spiral.

"This is....."

As if being invited by that light, Himekawa slowly raised her body.

She was looking at her figure reflected in the mirror with her hazy mind.

Himekawa's exhausted body was being embraced by Kizuna.

The face reflected in the mirror was undoubtedly her face.

Her skin and her hair were glossy, it felt awkward saying it herself, but it was as though she was radiantly beautiful. In addition her eyes were sparkling. The heart mark floating inside her eyes were lovely.

"This is, Climax.....Hybrid....."

It was a mysterious feeling.

From the depths of her body, power was endlessly welling up.

She felt like she could do anything right now.

“Himekawa.”

Kizuna offered his hand to Himekawa.

“Kizuna.....kun.”

Himekawa took his hand and got down from the long desk.

“Let’s go. To settle Himekawa’s past once and for all.”

Kizuna’s straight gaze.

Being gazed by those eyes, she was feeling as if the inside of her chest was squeezed tightly and painfully.

And then at the same time, it also felt reliable and lovely.

“.....Yes.”

Himekawa’s cheeks reddened and she nodded.

Both of them kept joining hands and went outside from the opened hatch. At that moment, the simulator function was cut and Himekawa returned to her previous pilot suit.

The outside was already dawn. The sky was beginning to grow light, the horizon was turning bright.

Himekawa and Kizuna stared at each other. And then, she called the name of the Core inside her body.

“Neros!!”

Spiral light clung at Himekawa’s body as if binding her.

Red light and pink light were constructing armor on Himekawa's body. It was a crimson Heart Hybrid Gear. However, there were jet black parts that reminded of Kizuna's Eros added.

This was the proof of Climax Hybrid. The hybrid of Neros and Eros.

And then Kizuna yelled.

"Eros!!"

Similar with Neros, radiance was coiling around Kizuna before compressing down. From there, Kizuna's Heart Hybrid Gear was formed.

Black and silver light.

The armor possessing deep luster was emitting coloring that submerged into the darkness of the night.

When the radiance was purged away, Kizuna equipped with Eros was standing there.

That figure had no difference with the usual Eros.

However, Kizuna felt inside his chest the result of the Climax Hybrid.

'——I can do this.'

On the other side, Himekawa was looking towards Neros on her body many times over.

It had a sharp line from the beginning, but now it was even sharper. Furthermore, the Blades on her back were enlarged. Their output, destructive power, she could perceive that they had been raised by quite much.

Kizuna opened the floating window for communication.

“This is Kizuna. The Climax Hybrid with Neros is a success. Ataraxia, please give instructions.”

{This is Reiri. Thirty kilometers southwest from your position are Yurishia and Tri-Head. Yurishia is going to reach her limit soon. Hurry!}

Himekawa quickly answered.

“Let’s go, Kizuna-kun.”

There was no fervor at Himekawa’s face at all.

Kizuna yelled as if in answer.

“Mode Neros!”

Eros’s luminescence changed from pink to red, Neros’s ability was dwelling inside Eros. This was Eros’s ability due to Climax Hybrid.

If it was now, his speed, power, and ability were equal to Neros.

“Kizuna, Himekawa, heading out for category-Ultra’s extermination from now on!”

Light was filling the thruster, then Himekawa and Kizuna flew to the sky.

Part 4

“Really, how persistentt!”

Yurishia evaded the Tri-Head’s attack while continuing to fly.

She couldn’t lead it until Ataraxia like this, and it was unmanageable to fight it alone like this. Even if she continued to avoid the enemy’s attack, she was almost at her limit.

“At this rate.....this feels like I got bullied to death I think.”

{Yurishia, are you safe!?}

“Ki, Kizuna!?”

She thought that her heart was going to stop.

At the same time, feelings of relief and euphoria were gushing up inside her heart.

“You make a lady wait too long! Where are you right now?”

In exchange of an answer, there was a reaction in Yurishia’s sensor of approaching flying objects.

Two Heart Hybrid Gears.

“So Hayuru is also safe——kyaaa-!”

The flame of Tri-Head grazed Yurishia.

{Yurishia! Fly straight here like that! We are linking up!}

“Ro, roger!!”

Neros and Eros were pushing on with their thrusters at full throttle.

After Kizuna finished his communication with Yurishia, he talked to Himekawa that flew beside him.

“We are going, Himekawa.”

“Yes. But.....honestly speaking, it’s a little scary.”

Kizuna looked at Himekawa’s face from the side in surprise.

“Eheh, I just complained a little.”

Far from being scared, she was smiling brightly that looked like she was going to burst.

However, her hand touching her cheek was trembling a little.

“Will you.....help me in my problem?”

Kizuna silently reached out his hand, and Himekawa also responded to that.

Both of their fingertips touched each other, and entwined.

“Kizuna-kun.....”

Himekawa’s cheeks reddened, she then turned ahead.

There was no hesitation in her face anymore.

They could see golden light up ahead.

The Tri-Head was pursuing a few hundred meters separated from Yurishia.

Kizuna and Himekawa separated their hands and parted to the left and right.

“Yurishia!”

“Geez-! You make me wait too long!”

When Yurishia passed the two of them, she rose high to the sky.

The Tri-Head responded to Kizuna and Himekawa that passed through it at its left and right and stayed still in the air. As if to confirm the figure of its prey, it was turning its three heads.

Kizuna also opened enough distance with the Tri Head and stopped still in the air.

“Kizuna, how are we going to defeat it?”

Yurishia that was turning in large orbit lined up with Kizuna.

“Yeah. We are going to engage the Tri-Head to create an opening. Next is——”

Kizuna once again sent his gaze at the approaching Himekawa.

“——Wait, Hayuru! That appearance, eh? Eeee!?”

Yurishia understood in a glance that Neros was powered up. Its shape was different, and the color was also different. The black parts on it was the proof of a hybrid with Eros. And then, the pink luminescence.

“Don’t tell me, you did Climax Hybrid!? With that Hayuru!?”

“Ple, please leave it alone!? This couldn’t be helped! Because this is an emergency situation.”

Himekawa’s face was bright red and she desperately made an excuse.

Yurishia was staring at Neros with a face that was not amused at all.

“I never imagined this, to be overtaken even by Hayuru of all people.....geez, unbelievable!”

And then this time she glared at Kizuna.

‘——Wha, what?’

She was glaring dangerously.

Yurishia also glared at Himekawa in a glance.

“After this, I’ll have you two explain thoroughly what kind of thing you two were doing!”

“Wha-.....!!”

Himekawa’s face turned so red that it was like even steam would come out. At that time, the Tri-Head moved. It spread its wing and assaulted right away.

“We are going, Yurishia!”

Kizuna ignited his thruster and circled below Tri-Head.

Yurishia circled to the flank of the Tri-Head.

A communication window was opened beside Kizuna’s face, Yurishia was talking to him.

{But Kizuna don’t have a weapon right? It’s different when you hybrid with Zeros, but with Neros, you don’t have any method to attack don’t you?}

Certainly, although he now had equal performance with Neros, he didn’t even have Blade or Sword. However——,

“Don’t worry. If it’s a weapon.....”

Kizuna pushed out his hands to the front and a line of light was produced between his right and left hand. That light was gradually increasing in brightness, illuminating the surroundings. When Kizuna’s hand grasped at that light, the light was converging into a single line.

{Don’t tell me-!?!}

Looking at that image, even Kei in Nayuta Lab was shocked.

When Kizuna waved his hand as though pulling out a sword, the light was torn off into fragments. From below it, a real sword shining in silver appeared.

“Heart Hybrid Gear is.....creating a material?”



Kei stood up from her chair and unusually raised her voice.

“What’s wrong Kei?”

“Eros is creating a weapon.....”

“However, Zeros also created Corruption Armament wasn’t it? If a Climax Hybrid is done, even Eros can do the same thing, isn’t that theoretically possible?”

Kei shook her head.

“.....That’s different. Corruption Armament is a weapon that had been loaded inside the Heart Hybrid Gear since the beginning. It existed even if it was hidden. By making use of Climax Hybrid, one becomes able to summon it from inside their body. But.....Eros is different.”

The eyes behind the glasses were shaking.

“There was no weapon in Eros. That’s why, that thing is something Eros created from nothing.”

“Kizuna.....”

Reiri too stared at the figure of her brother with grim eyes.

“Professor Nayuta.....just what is Eros?”

Kei whispered in a voice that didn’t even reach Reiri.

Kizuna inside the monitor slashed at the Tri-Head.

“UOOOOOOOOOOOOO-!”

Tri-Head’s three necks were aiming at Kizuna. However, Kizuna slipped through the gap of those three necks and barely soared above its back.

‘——The target is this thing!’

Kizuna's sword smashed the wing of Tri-Head. The surface of the wing was covered with parts like crystal. In the previous fight, it was the only spot that was destroyed by Yurishia's bombing.

And then after that the Tri-Head didn't pursue them.

Most likely this was its only weak point.

"Yurishia, aim for the wing! It won't defeat it, but it will stop its movement temporarily!"

"Roger-!"

No sooner than that answer, Yurishia's large caliber particle cannon destructed the other wing.

The Tri-Head roared.

And then its movements stopped. It was not falling, just hovering in the air, but its movement was noticeably becoming slow. As though that gigantic body was too much for itself, its movement was dulling.

However, the wings were regenerating before their eyes.

"Himekawa!!"

With Kizuna's voice as the signal, Himekawa's hand reached forward.

"Come, into my hand——"

The red light became a circle that was widening before Himekawa. Pattern like a magic circle was unfolding, a sword handle was coming out from inside it.

Himekawa's hand seized it and pulled it out.

From inside the light, a shining sword showed its appearance.

“Liberation and severance from everything of this world——”

It was a wondrous sword.

The handle was abnormally long, the blade could even reach two meters.

And then most of all, that long sword had two blades lining up in parallel.

Two-bladed sword.

This kind of strange sword was not a usable weapon. Normally, Himekawa would think like that.

——However,

“Corruption Armament [Gladius(Peerless Rupture)]!!”

For some reason, that name was rising inside her heart.

In response to Himekawa’s voice, supernatural pattern was floating from the shining silver blade somewhere. That appearance was sacred, yet also ominous.

The sword that granted primal fear to the person seeing it was directed to the magic weapon at the end of her sight.

“Himekawa Hayuru.....here I come!”

Himekawa kicked the air.

Readying Gladius in front, she accelerated toward the category-Ultra.

The Tri-Head turned its three head and aimed.

Those mouths opened.

Material exploded from inside, flame of destruction was fired like a beam.

The flame traveling at the speed of sound enveloped Himekawa instantly.

Himekawa's body should be exploding from inside.

However the flame parted.

Gladius parted the flame Tri-Head spouted out into two.

The slashed apart flame vanished into beads of flame.

The blade of Gladius severed the relationship of everything of this world.

Due to that, there was nothing that couldn't be cut. No matter how hard the material was, it severed the connection of the material, bisecting it into two.

And then the severed thing was also severed from its relation with this world.

Therefore, it became unable to exist in this world.

The flame of Tri-Head was also severed from its relation with everything else, it was parted into two and vanished.

Himekawa charged straight through the gap of the opened up flame.

And then Gladius struck Tri-Head's head.

"DEYAAAAAAAAAAA-!"

Himekawa's shriek of fighting spirit resounded.

'——Those I couldn't protect,'

Intense flash and sparks scattered.

The armor that withstood the attack of anyone was cut apart very easily.

'——The people of Japan, that girl,'

Creaking sound of metal sounded like the anguished groaning voice of the Tri-Head.

From the cut open head, liquid that was like blood was scattered.

‘——I cannot forget that girl,’

The head until the neck was cut apart into two.

The blade of Gladius cut away Tri-Head from this world. Its relation with this world was severed, the existence of Tri-Head itself was disconnected, destructing it.

Its body was opened, its internal mechanism spilled out like organs.

‘——But,’

The Tri-Head was bisected into two from its head until the tip of its tail.

“I won’t stand still anymore!”

The Tri-Head that was far larger than even the length of Gladius’s blade became two equal parts. The wreckage of Tri-Head that lost all of its power was falling to the sea. Raising fierce water spray, the large body sunk into the sea.

And then, a flash occurred.

Together with roaring sound of explosion, a water pillar with height reaching several dozen meters rose from the sea.

“.....Amazing.”

Yurishia breathed a sigh.

“You did it, Himekawa.

Himekawa was gazing in satisfaction at the huge water pillar and the horizon that was starting to turn bright.

“Yes.....this is thanks to Kizuna-kun. Thank you.”

Himekawa tilted her head and narrowed her eyes.

That gesture was really lovely, it made Kizuna's heart beat fast feeling startled.

"N, no. I didn't do anything.....this is something that Himekawa did yourself. Well, isn't this great for your last battle? I think this is the greatest lowering of curtain——"

"What are you saying?"

Himekawa knitted her eyebrows.

"He?"

Himekawa started up a floating window for communication.

"This is Himekawa, Neros. The category-Ultra Tri-Head is destroyed. I will head to reinforce Zeros after this. Can I request navigation?"

{This is Ataraxia, Reiri. Zeros is in the middle of battle with Aldea at Guam Island. Hurry!}

"Roger!"

Kizuna was staring at that situation with taken aback expression.

"Is something the matter, for you to make a stupid looking face like that?"

Calling it stupid was too excessive.

"No, because, didn't you say that you will stop fighting?"

Himekawa faced away with a huff, her face looked embarrassed.

"I, I changed my mind. There is no way I can entrust the peace of the world to someone like Kizuna-kun.....to a person that does indecent perverted things like that, isn't that right?"

“That’s really mean there.”

Kizuna smiled bitterly.

‘——But,’

“It turned out well like this. Surely.”

“? What is it?”

“Nothing! Now, let’s go.”

Kizuna kicked the air heading to Guam Island.

“Ah, please wait!”

Himekawa too raised the output of her thruster and chased after him.

Part 5

“Uh! AAAAAAAAAA-!”

“Haa.....finally, I caught you. You really made me spent a lot of time haven’t you?”

Aine was captured inside the Labyrinth Cube.

‘Wha, what? This is!’

Aine who was locked inside the cube cage desperately tried to exit outside. However, no matter how much she tried, struggled, she couldn’t advance forward at all.

By assembling six of Aldea’s shields, they could exhibit a special ability. Originally, they couldn’t distort the space unless in direct contact, but inside

the Labyrinth Cube that came from being surrounded by six shields, they were able to freely distort the space.

In other words, it was impossible to escape if someone entered inside it. Even if the person tried to escape, their advancing direction would be changed, it could even direct the movement energy when the person tried to move to other direction. Furthermore, if the space that was in a messed up state was returned to normal, the living thing inside it would definitely die. Therefore, this cube was a prison, and also an execution stand.

“Now, let’s go together. Aah, how enjoyable, how enjoyable this is.”

“Kuh! Thi, this thing.....”

“My my, please don’t struggle. Though it’s pointless even if you struggle.”

Aine glared at Aldea with an anxious expression.

“You, you bastard.....what are you, planning to do.....to this, me?”

Aldea clapped her hands as if playing around.

“Ufufufu, that’s, of course——”

A sharp flash traveled, causing an explosion at Labyrinth Cube.

“Wha-.....!?”

The explosion’s smoke enveloped Aldea and stole her sight.

Himekawa that dived down from above the sky slashed Gladius, cutting apart Zeel’s shield.

“Kuh! Just now.....Neros!?”

If one of the shield was broken, then the cube couldn't be formed. The Labyrinth Cube collapsed and Aine was liberated from the prison of light. Aine's body was thrown out to the air.

"I have come this far!"

Aldea transformed the shape of her shield into a spear and went towards Aine.

"I won't let you!"

Kizuna flew in from a different direction.

Kizuna's sword and Aldea's spear entangled with each other scattering sparks.

"Kuh!?"

Fierce sparks radiated. Both of them were bounced from each other and opened some distance.

"This.....black unsigned!"

Aldea's beautiful eyebrows bristled.

Kizuna readied his sword and charged in at full speed at Aldea. And then he raised his sword overhead and swung it down.

This time Aldea's spear intercepted Kizuna's sword.

Together with fierce metallic sound, light particles burst out. Intense light was flickering while Kizuna's sword was pushing Aldea's spear.

"Just with this much.....you think you can overcome me-!?"

The power to warp the space suddenly became stronger, Kizuna's sword distorted greatly. The next moment, Kizuna's body was blown away, as if being pulled back by an unseen power.

"UOO!"

Kizuna ignited the thrusters on his whole body and somehow recovered his stance.

"Don't get in my way!"

Aldea changed all her remaining shields into spears. Kizuna's surrounding was encircled by five spears.

'——Damn it!'

"Die, black magic armor!"

However, at that timing an attack of particle cannon was lying in wait.

"——!"

The golden light blew away all of Aldea's spears. When she glared up at the direction where the bombardment came, there the blue Heart Hybrid Gear [Cross] was calmly floating. Its figure looked wavering due to the heat haze from the heat of the Differential Frame's bombardment.

Yurishia imitated a gun by stretching her thumb and index finger and sent out a wink.

"Ufufu, you plan to hunt us down, but now you are the hunted side♪"

Aldea turned on her heel. However, there Himekawa was waiting in her way with Gladius thrust before her.

"There is no place to escape anymore, surrender quietly!"

“Fu.....fufufu, ahahahahahaha.”

Aldea laughed out loudly.

“What do you find funny?”

“My my, I’m sorry. This is because I don’t think that there can possibly be anything this fun even in the other world. Aah.....as I thought, I’m glad I came here.”

Aldea’s defiant attitude made them feel anxiety on the contrary.

“But unfortunately, the time’s up already.”

“What? What in the world are you——”

When he was about to speak, Kizuna lost his words. Behind Aldea, the Entrance to AU that was in the center of Guam Island began to greatly distort.

“Something.....something, is coming!”

Himekawa raised a worried voice.

“Don’t tell me!?”

It was a gigantic Entrance with width of almost two kilometers. If it had this size, it made it possible for even a fleet of large ship to come and go through it.

A cold sweat flowed down Kizuna’s cheek.

The scenery on the other side of the Entrance distorted greatly, a grand battleship that passed two thousand meter class appeared as if penetrating through the center.

‘——That’s big.’

And then, thousand meter class aircraft carriers and battleships of lower class showed their faces one after another. And then also countless magic weapons surrounding the fleet.

Kizuna gulped his saliva.

“Enemy’s, large fleet.....”

Furthermore it was on a scale that was far larger than the fleet that almost drove Megafloat Japan to extinction before this.

They were outnumbered no matter how one saw this. They could do nothing but retreat.

At that time, Aine suddenly pointed at the grand battleship.

“Look!”

There was a human silhouette standing on the prow.

That was, a Heart Hybrid Gear of grey fuselage that had close resemblance with a warplane, with orange luminescence running through it.

Large gun turret was loaded around the waist, they could also peek a long gun barrel that resembled a long range cannon on its back. It gave off the impression of battle orientation even stronger than Aldea’s Zeel.

The one equipping that gear was a female with light blonde hair and brown skin. Similar with Aldea, she looked around twenty years old.

“Is that also Heart.....no, magic armor?”

The location where Kizuna was, was at the same height as the ship’s prow, so right now he was facing that woman right from the front.

Aldea waved her hand cheerfully.

“Shit.....all members, retreat!!”

When Kizuna ordered, all member turned their back from the Entrance and began to withdraw.

The prow of the grand battleship was approaching Aldea that was waving her hand sending them off. Before long, Aldea was in line beside the silhouette standing on the prow, and she descended down to land on the ship.

“You arrived unexpectedly quick haven’t you? Gravel, this is because you are too zealous of your work.”

“Aldea.....you acting rashly has utterly used up my civility to you. In the end you called me here after rushing around as you pleased.....just what in the world is this about?”

Aldea elegantly presented her palm ahead, she urged Gravel to look at the direction of Kizuna and the others.

Gravel displayed a window in front of her eyes, she directed her gaze at the image that had been magnified from the sensor.

Looking at that information, Gravel made an expression of light shock.

“I see now.....Neros and Cross. I don’t know about the other two though.”

“The white one is [Zeros] you know?”

The instant she heard that name, Gravel sharply glared at Aldea.

“.....I won’t forgive you if this is a joke.”

“I’m serious. The reason that I forcefully came here alone is that thing.”

“.....Hmph.”

Gravel clenched her right hand.

“Capture that magic armor. Don’t kill the wearer. If it’s possible, I want to obtain her unhurt.”

The speed of the fleet’s advance quickened.

“Begin bombardment. Stop the movement of those guys.”

With Gravel’s voice as the signal, the gun turrets of the battleship suddenly spouted fire.

The enemy bombardment passed through above Kizuna’s head and raised water pillars in their path one after another.

“They are attacking! Everyone, be careful!”

“Kizuna! With the position of Megafloat Japan right now, their attack might reach there!”

“Aah! This is Kizuna. Ataraxia, respond!”

Gravel was calmly staring at Kizuna and the others who were flying around amidst the bombardment.

“Good, deploy the magic weapon unit. Don’t be stingy. Surround them and don’t let them get away.”

“I guess so. If they resist then make them unable to move.....let’s see, other than Zeros, it doesn’t matter if the others don’t have their complete limbs. As long as they are still breathing, it doesn’t matter——”

“Aldea, shut your mouth.”

Each aircraft carriers deployed magic weapons after hearing Gravel's instruction. And then, the bombardment of the fleet was further intensified, blocking the path of Kizuna and the others.

Amidst the enemy bombardment that was like pouring rain, Kizuna and the others tried to forcefully break through. It was impossible to evade the bombardment. They had to defend with their Life Saver.

"Shit-! We have to keep our Life Saver until we escape from the enemy's range!"

However, Albatrosses were hot on their heels from both sides.

"Kizuna-kun! Dragre also came from above!"

"Wha.....-!?"

Each one of the magic weapons didn't need to be feared. However, Kizuna lost his words against the army of magic weapons pressing on them like dark clouds.

"Anyway, withdraw at full speed! We are going straight like this——"

Aine's tense voice cut off Kizuna's voice.

"Gigantic artificial object inside the sea confirmed! Something is coming out!"

"What-!"

The color of sea under their eyes was changing.

Pincer attack!?

Kizuna felt like he was bathed in cold sweat.

Viking? No, the size was too different. A new magic weapon of the enemy?

The sea was largely rising up.

Yurishia knitted her eyebrows and murmured.

“A gigantic submerging object.....no way”

The surfacing object was too gigantic, so it looked as though the horizon was gradually rising. That view was enough to make the sense of equilibrium of the person watching fall into disarray.

The sea parted, a movement was gradually showing its figure from the tip, it was terrifyingly sluggish. It was a fairly fast speed, but it was too gigantic that it looked eerily slow. The head pushing out above the sea looked like an unrealistically gigantic submarine.

“Bi, bigg.....”

Kizuna unconsciously ran his mouth.

The size might even be twice of the whole Megafloat Japan. The sea water was pulled by some kind of influence, he could comprehend it if this was said as an emergence of a new island.

However, the emerging thing was obviously something man-made.

Streamlined shaped covered in black metal. All over its surface was lighted by small lights like lighting from a window. The mouths of nozzles for propulsion force and posture control were opening at its top and bottom, left and right. Small aperture was visible, but it was gigantic that it looked like a normal battleship could easily enter in and out from there.

“Is that an AU’s battleship.....no, I’ve seen it somewhere——”

Inside Kizuna’s brain, something was tugged.

{The one that Japan is likely to meet across might be West USA I think—, they are supposedly in the Pacific Ocean. Their float is attached with a submerging function, it seems that it can move underwater like a submarine you know—, I don't know for sure though.}

Sakisaka-sensei's voice was resurrected in his ear.

The content of geography class was flashbaced inside Kizuna's head.

"This is.....Megafloat West USA!!"

"Yes. Half of USA's Megafloats. The Megafloat of the west coast."

Yurishia arrived besides Kizuna.

"This is the Megafloat I was with before I came to Ataraxia."

The armor parts of the upper and side surface of Megafloat West USA opened, missile launching pods and gigantic particle cannons were rising out. From intercontinental missiles, middle range missiles, fifty centimeter rapid fire cannons, railguns, particle cannons, it was like an exhibition of weapons, various artilleries were appearing.

All of those gunports were aimed at the fleet of AU.

"Bombardment is coming! Everyone split to the left and right!!"

Obeying Yurishia's warning, Kizuna and the others took great distance from Megafloat West USA's firing line towards the enemy fleet.

The next instant, innumerable missiles and artilleries were firing all at once.

The missiles flying out from the firing pods corrected their trajectory while heading toward the fleet of AU. The enemy fleet defended from those using shield, causing large explosions one after another.

Furthermore, cannons with huge caliber were aiming at the enemy's aircraft carriers.

Sounds that could break the eardrum and shockwaves were spreading to the surrounding. Huge shells that weighted about 1.5 ton were impacting the enemy fleet with speed faster than sound.

It was a terrific bombing battle.

In front of the fleet of AU, a flame of wall was created from the rain of bullets. Enemy ships put up their shield, but the Megafloat disregarded that. They were raining the enemy down with large amounts of explosives and warheads in any case.

The barrage that was pouring down like rain was beginning to push back the fleet of AU with the impacts.

"Amazing! They are pushing back the AU fleet with the pressure of their barrage!"

However, mankind's conventional weapons fundamentally weren't effective against the weapons of AU.

Kizuna was staring at the AU fleet with a grim face.

"At this rate, sooner or later——"

"This is not everything you know? There are those girls in West USA."

As soon as Yurishia said that, seven lights were flying out from Megafloat West USA.

"Those are, Heart Hybrid Gears!?"

"Yes, those are America's Heart Hybrid Gear team, the [Masters]."

—Masters.

Just like Ataraxia had Amaterasu, America had Masters.

The seven lights plunged into the middle of the enemy magic weapons. The one heading the group was a girl with a red ponytail. Behind her, six girls forming formation were following after her.

“We are going everyone!”

The girl in the lead called out to those following her.

“Roger!!”

Six voices responded in uniform, charging at the enemy’s magic weapon unit.

Looking at their appearances, Yurishia murmured.

“Are they planning to rescue us, or are they trying to help us in taking back Guam, I don’t know which one it is but.....what are we going to do?”

The seven people of Masters were taking down magic weapons left and right.

Kizuna spoke resolutely.

“We are going too!”

“I guess so. It’s not bad to teach those Masters here, that Amaterasu is the superior one.”

Aine responded curtly.

“There is a saying, that knowing what is right and not doing it is a want of courage. I will show how I make the enemy into the rust of Gladius’s blade.”

Himekawa too showed a face full of motivation.

“Yosh, let’s——”

At that time, missiles were flying from behind Kizuna and the others. It flew passed above the Megafloat West USA and hit the aircraft carrier of AU.

“What-!?”

Where did that come from?

{This is Ataraxia. We are supporting West USA from here on.}

In front of Kizuna, Reiri’s floating window appeared.

“Ataraxia!?”

From beyond the horizon, the figure of Megafloat Japan was visible.

{We are recapturing Guam with Japan-America alliance. After that, we will seal the Entrance.}

“What did you say!?”

Kizuna doubted his ears.

Was such thing really possible?

{We are pushing those guys back until the Entrance with the pressure of the barrage. If we can do that, then it’s our victory. Amaterasu is to crush all the magic weapons!}

“Ro, Roger!”

Kizuna and the others plunged into a swarm of enemy magic weapons, destroying the magic weapons one after another.

“HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!”

And then Himekawa’s Gladius was bisecting its third battleship.

Amaterasu and Masters were showing furiously vigorous activity.

Especially the terrific might of Himekawa’s Corruption Armament, it was sinking down the battleships of AU like a joke.

Gravel was observing that situation seriously.

“Eleven magic armors, in addition there are two enemy fortresses.....”

Gravel showed a little troubled look in deciding, but she immediately gave out instruction.

“Retreat. All units withdraw.”

“Wait, Gravel! Even though the fun is just going to start from here on!”

Aldea protested in dissatisfaction, but Gravel didn’t back down obstinately.

“The situation is too different with our initial assumption. As expected, we don’t have the readiness to take on eleven magic armors at the same time.”

“Eehh~ I think we can win though.....”

“It will be a war of attrition at this rate. On top of our combat strength being expended considerably, in the worst case, there is also the possibility that we won’t be able to bring back home this information. We have to at least avoid that.”

The enemy fleet’s advance stopped, on the contrary they began to fall back.

“Oi! The enemy is starting to retreat!”

When Kizuna yelled that, all members in that place raised voices of joy.

That situation was also transmitted to Nayuta Lab in Ataraxia.

{The enemy began to retreat. They are in the middle of evacuating through the Entrance successively. The remaining battleships three, aircraft carriers one, magic weapons approximately fifty.}

Listening to Kei's report, Reiri smiled in satisfaction.

“——This is, our victory.”

Epilogue

The fleet of AU retreated into the Entrance of Guam.

After that, Ataraxia's technology research division led by Kei landed on Guam and sealed the Entrance. Kizuna, Aine, Himekawa, the three were accompanying them as guard.

"So this is an Entrance....."

Kizuna looked up at the Entrance towering up before his eyes.

The scenery at the other side of the Entrance was wavering like a view projected on a water surface.

"How amazing.....for a day where we can calmly look at this to come.....this is like a dream."

Himekawa was also murmuring in deep admiration.

This was the first time they had ever stared fixedly at an Entrance from this near.

On the ground, several cables were pulled, connected to several large machines that seemed like generator equipment, computer and various measuring machinery were also further linked to it.

"Through here.....we can come and go through to the AU."

Aine knitted her eyebrows.

"Yeah.....it's a complicated feeling when I thought that many magic weapons came out from this Entrance. Well, right now it is sealed though. I want to ask in detail about it to Shikina-san."

There was a tent after walking for a while, inside Kei was scuffling with a computer. However, she raised up her face when Kizuna and the others approached.

“Shikina-san. Will the AU bunch really not be able to enter this world with this?”

{Unknown. This is the first experiment.}

That was what she said, so it was possible for those guys to suddenly return here.

But if it succeeded, they could stop the invasion from AU. This was a monumental great invention.

“And.....the theory and blueprint of this sealing system, is the true shape of the mysterious radio wave, is that true?”

Aine questioned Kei.

{Correct. The mysterious radio wave that was the cause of our coming in Guam was something sent by Megafloat West USA. The sealing system was analyzed in West USA, but performing that just by one country is extremely difficult. And so they intended to cooperate with the surrounding Megafloat and sent that radio wave.}

“I see.....so it’s a false alarm.”

Himekawa sighed.

{It took time to analyze the radio wave itself. It would of been great if we understood it a little faster. My apologies.}

Kizuna shook his head and laughed.

“No. The result is all right in the end.”

{Just, there is a problem.}

Kei expressionlessly continued to type on the keyboard.

{Who was the one developing this technology and who sent it?}

“Eh? It’s not West USA?”

Kizuna made a puzzled expression.

{West USA was also only receiving the transmission of radio wave with the same content from an unknown originator. It seemed that they searched for that radio wave originator and arrived in the coastal waters of Guam.}

Aine spoke as if remembering something.

“Hey.....then, what about the communication device in Andersen air force base? If I remember right there is the trace of someone using it but.....by any chance, was it transmitted from there?”

Kei didn’t answer that question, her hand was hovering over the keyboard without moving.

“Aine, even if it’s Shikina-san, there is no way she can know that right?”

“.....I guess. Well, it doesn’t really matter.”

Aine looked aside with a bored look.

‘——Hm?’

Kei was staring fixedly at Kizuna’s face.

“Shikina-san? What’s wrong——”

“Wait—! You people over there!”

A voice came from somewhere.

‘——What?’

When he looked up to the sky, a Heart Hybrid Gear was landing.

It was descending with a speed that made him doubt if it was falling, but it decreased the speed gently right before the ground.

“You guys, by any chance are you [Amaterasu] members?”

The pilot was a girl with red hair in a ponytail. She had a good figure though not to the degree of Yurishia. She seemed cheerful and bright, really like an American girl, such was her atmosphere. She looked like she was one or two years younger than him.

“Yeah, that’s right.....you are?”

She smiled pleasantly and raised her thumbs, pointing at herself.

“I am [Masters]’s Scarlet Fairchild. For the moment, I’m the leader of Masters. Nice to meet you!”

“Yeah, nice to meet you.”

Kizuna and the others also introduced themselves and exchanged handshakes by turns.

“Is this all of you? It feels like there is one more gear though.”

“Yeah, the other one is in Ataraxia right now.....”

“Kizuna—!”

That other one was descending from the sky while wearing Cross.

Kizuna looked up at that figure and spoke.

“Oh, nice timing. I’ll introduce you.”

Yurishia landed beside Kizuna.

“Yurishia, this is Masters’s——”

“.....Scarlet?”

Yurishia blinked her eyes.

“As I thought, isn’t this Scarlet! Long time no see—♪ Heee, so you too became a formal member of Masters noww.”

“Is that so, Yurishia was also originally in Masters. Guess it’s obvious that you know her. Haha.....”

Kizuna laughed wryly and scratched his head.

“Really, how embarrassing. This walking shame of Japan.”

“Oi, Aine. You don’t have to say that far!”

“I guess so, at the very least please be careful of doing any perverted acts. It’s going to become an international incident if that happens.”

“Eh! Even you Himekawa?”

They did such exchange while smiling. However, in contrast with such a peaceful atmosphere, Scarlet’s expression had stiffened.

‘——Hm? Is something wrong?’

Her face was like she was seeing a ghost.

“Yuri.....shia?”

Scarlet was whispering with a trembling voice.

“Whatt, you forget my face?”

Yurishia knitted her eyebrows.

“Lies.....something, like this.....”

When Yurishia approached, Scarlet stepped back.

“Eh? Wait.....what?”

Yurishia’s face showed anxiety.

“Err.....hey, Scarlet. Really, what’s wrong?”

Scarlet was staring at Yurishia with a pale face.

And then she spoke with trembling lips.

“Yurishia.....you, why.....are you, still alive?”

Afterword

I'm really grateful to you all for obtaining this book.

This is Kuji Masamune.

Hyahhooou! Truly! I never thought that there will be figurine planning for this in progress! You know even without me telling? Isn't that right.

Nevertheless, who ever thought that a light novel that only have one volume published will get figurine.....how terrifying! Alpha Max company-san! Just who in the world will you make 3D!? Everyone, wait for it in expectation okay!

Well then, for thanks. Hisasi-san that always creates magnificent ero-cute illustrations. When thinking about the story, I felt like I can imagine it with illustrations of Hisasi-san! And then, the story can be well-knitted because there are the cool mecha-designs! Kurogin-san.

Supervisor editor O-san from Sneaker editorial department. You always keep assisting me.

And then everyone of you who read this book. Really, thank you very much.

I planned for the third volume to have a surging development! Look forward to it!

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次こそはわたくしがメインかしら!!

ふふふ、喜べユリシア。
次のミッションは夢の複数同時
ハイブリッドだ!
一気に敵を叩くぞ!!

なぜいつもジャマが入るの……。

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‘The next mission is?’

‘Finally even **Hayuru** did **Heart Hybrid** hasn’t shee. But the next one **I** will be the **main**for sure!!’

‘Fufufu, be happy **Yurishia**. The next mission is the **dreamed multiple simultaneous Hybrid**! We are going to crush the enemy in one go!!’

‘Why does **hindrance** always come.....’